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2021 Assembly Bill 159

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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In relation to work at an overnight camp, 2021 Assembly Bill 159 creates a new method by which a physician may temporarily practice for up to 90 days without obtaining a license from the Medical Examining Board (MEB). In order to practice under process created by the bill, a physician must submit a form to the MEB; must be licensed to practice and in good standing in another state or a foreign country with substantially similar regulations to those in Wisconsin; and must not be under active investigation by any law enforcement entity. The bill directs the board to promulgate related administrative rules, and grants the board emergency rulemaking authority that remains in effect until May 1, 2022, or until permanent rules are promulgated, whichever is sooner.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 revises the foreign country licensure qualification to apply only to licensure by a Canadian province or territory.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 extends the duration of any emergency rules promulgated pursuant to the bill from May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023.

BILL HISTORY

2021 Assembly Bill 159 was introduced by Representative Edming on March 10, 2021. Representative Edming also offered Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, respectively, on March 11 and 19, 2021. On April 8, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Rural Development recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and passage of Assembly Bill 159, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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