

HOUSE BILL No. 1555

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-22.5-5-7.

Synopsis: Licensure of foreign trained physicians. Establishes a limited medical license for individuals who: (1) have graduated from certain international medical programs; (2) obtain a health care facility sponsor in an underserved area; and (3) meet certain other criteria. Provides that a limited medical license authorizes the recipient to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine only at a health care facility in an underserved area. Enables the medical licensing board of Indiana (board) to revoke a limited medical license if the recipient stops working as a physician at a health care facility in an underserved area. Provides that a limited medical license may be converted to an unlimited license at the discretion of the board after five years.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-5-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 7. (a) For purposes of this section, "health care**
4 **facility" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-11-1.**
5 **(b) For purposes of this section, "underserved area" means a**
6 **county, city, town, census tract, or township designated by the**
7 **Indiana department of health under IC 16-46-5-7 as underserved**
8 **by physicians.**
9 **(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the board may issue a**
10 **limited license to an individual if the following apply:**
11 **(1) The individual applies in a form and manner required by**
12 **the board.**
13 **(2) The individual pays a fee set by the board.**
14 **(3) The individual:**
15 **(A) holds:**
16 **(i) a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree**
17 **issued by an international medical program in good**



- 1 standing; and
 2 (ii) a certificate issued by the Educational Commission
 3 on Foreign Medical Graduates;
 4 (B) is in good standing with the medical licensing or
 5 regulatory institution of the individual's resident country
 6 and has no pending discipline before the licensing or
 7 regulatory institution;
 8 (C) completed a residency program or other similar
 9 postgraduate medical training that is substantially similar
 10 to a residency program accredited by the Accreditation
 11 Council for Graduate Medical Education;
 12 (D) practiced medicine or osteopathic medicine as a
 13 licensed physician for five (5) years following the
 14 completion of the residency program or other similar
 15 postgraduate medical training described in clause (C);
 16 (E) achieved a passing score on both step one (1) and step
 17 two (2) of the United States Medical Licensing
 18 Examination; and
 19 (F) is proficient in the English language.
 20 (4) The individual has an offer of employment as a physician
 21 at a health care facility in an underserved area.
 22 (d) The board may not issue a limited license under this section
 23 to an individual who does not possess a federal immigration status
 24 allowing the individual to practice as a physician in the United
 25 States.
 26 (e) A limited license under this section:
 27 (1) authorizes the recipient to practice medicine or
 28 osteopathic medicine only at a health care facility in an
 29 underserved area; and
 30 (2) is valid for a period of six (6) years.
 31 (f) The board may revoke a limited license under this section if:
 32 (1) the recipient is no longer employed as a physician at a
 33 health care facility in an underserved area; or
 34 (2) there is compelling reason to revoke the limited license.
 35 (g) Notwithstanding IC 25-22.5-3, a limited license under this
 36 section may be converted to an unlimited license at the discretion
 37 of the board after five (5) years.

