

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 439

2022 Regular Session

Peacock

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides for bridge year graduate physicians. (8/1/22)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Deletes proposed law relative to reimbursement of services performed by a physician or bridge year graduate physician.
2. Deletes the La. residency criteria requirement for an individual seeking certification in the bridge year graduate physician program.
3. Adds a provision authorizing the La. Board of Medical Examiners to determine selection criteria for applicants should the applicants exceed program capacity.
4. Provides for compensation of services provided by a bridge year graduate physician.
5. Provides for limitations on the certificate to practice as a bridge year graduate physician.
6. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, referred to hereafter as the "board", to develop, implement, and maintain a program that allows an individual who meets certain criteria as set forth by the board to be certified to practice medicine as a bridge year graduate physician. Provides that such certification shall be valid for one year and may be renewed for no more than two additional one-year periods upon application to the board.

Proposed law requires the board to provide for criteria for participation in the bridge year graduate physician program which, at a minimum, shall require the individual seeking certification to meet the following qualifications:

- (1) He is a graduate of an accredited medical school.
- (2) He applied to, but was not accepted into, an accredited medical residency training program for the first year following medical school graduation.

Proposed law requires that the board determine criteria for the selection of applicants should the number of applicants exceed the available capacity of the program.

Proposed law requires the board to provide for the prescriptive authority of a bridge year graduate physician including prescribing legend and certain controlled drugs.

Proposed law authorizes the board to suspend, terminate, or revoke a bridge year graduate physician certificate prior to the expiration of its one-year term for any reason provided by present law or present administrative rule for the termination of licenses, permits, registrations, or certificates issued by the board.

Proposed law stipulates that a bridge year graduate physician shall practice only under the direct supervision of a board-certified physician holding a license in good standing with the board.

Proposed law provides that the services provided by an individual holding a certificate to practice as a bridge year graduate physician shall be compensable in accordance with customary medical billing practices.

Proposed law provides that issuance of a certificate to practice as a bridge year graduate physician in accordance with the proposed law shall not confer any future right to full, unrestricted licensure.

Proposed law requires the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to consult and seek input from the La. State Medical Society, the La. Academy of Family Physicians, a community physician, a medical student who applied to, but was not accepted into, an accredited medical residency training program for the first year following medical school graduation, and a medical student during the development of the bridge year graduate physician program.

(Amends R.S. 37:1271(A) and 1285(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 37:1310.11-1310.12)

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