
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOHENSTEIN, PARKER AND GREEN, DECEMBER 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
DECEMBER 5, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," further providing for temporary license.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 33(a) of the act of December 20, 1985
13 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985,
14 amended April 19, 2022 (P.L.57, No.16), is amended and the
15 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

16 Section 33. Temporary license.

17 (a) General rule.--[A] Except as provided under subsection
18 (d), a temporary license empowers the licensee to:

19 (3) teach or demonstrate advanced medical and surgical
20 techniques within this Commonwealth;

1 (4) participate in a medical or surgical procedure
2 necessary for the well-being of a specific patient within
3 this Commonwealth;

4 (5) practice medicine and surgery at a camp or resort
5 for no more than three months;

6 (6) attend to the medical and surgical needs of a person
7 visiting this Commonwealth for no more than three months;

8 (7) practice medicine and surgery within this
9 Commonwealth in response to a need for medical care created
10 by a declaration of disaster emergency issued by the Governor
11 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of
12 Governor) or any other Federal, State or local disaster
13 emergency for a duration determined by the board; or

14 (8) engage in any other purpose as deemed appropriate by
15 the board on a case-by-case basis.

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17 (d) Exception.--The board shall grant a full and
18 unrestricted license to practice medicine to a temporary
19 licensee not subject to subsection (a) who is a graduate from an
20 international medical school, performed the duties of a
21 physician for at least three years outside of the United States
22 and demonstrates all of the following:

23 (1) Competency as determined by the board.

24 (2) Good standing with the board two years after the
25 date of issuance of a temporary license from the board.

26 (3) Sufficient evidence that the temporary licensee has
27 an offer of employment as a physician at a health care
28 facility that operates in this Commonwealth.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.