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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017793): Establishes that when applying to practice medicine or surgery in this state, an international medical school graduate must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a one-year United States post-graduate training program approved by the American Medical Association. Removes the requirement that an international medical student apply for licensure or testing within 12 months of completion of the post-graduate training program.

Authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) to issue a foreign training license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate who has completed a three-year postgraduate training program in the graduate's licensing country, or has otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three of the last five years outside the United States. Establishes that a foreign training licensee must only provide medical services at a healthcare provider that has in place a postgraduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education. Requires the BME to grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a foreign training licensee who is in good standing and has actively practiced medicine in this state for two years after the date of foreign training licensure.

Authorizes the BME to issue a temporary license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate who has completed a one-year postgraduate training program in the United States. Requires the BME to grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a temporary licensee who is in good standing and has actively practiced medicine in this state for two years after the date of temporary licensure.

Effective January 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(a)(2)(F), an international medical school graduate seeking licensure to practice medicine or surgery must provide evidence satisfactory completion of a three-year post-graduate training program, and apply within 12 months of completion of the post-graduate training program.

- The proposed legislation reduces the minimum length of an accepted post-graduate training program, and removes the timeframe in which an international medical school graduate must apply for licensure or testing.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(g), the BME may issue a temporary license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate with demonstrated competency as special circumstances may require.
- Public Chapter 211 of 2023 which creates new requirements for temporary licensure of international medical school graduates goes into effect on July 1, 2024.
- The proposed legislation creates a new type of license for international medical school graduates known as a foreign training license, and requires an international medical school graduate to complete a one-year postgraduate training program in the United States in order to be issued a temporary license of limited duration.
- The BME can promulgate the necessary rules to implement the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources, without an increase in expenditures.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the proposed legislation is not estimated to result in a significant increase in revenue from additional applications or licenses.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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