

HOUSE BILL 1668

By Durham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to the healing arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(1), medical students, interns, residents, and clinical fellows who do not hold a special training license pursuant to this subsection (d) are exempt from the requirement of a license to practice medicine or surgery in this state when such medical students, interns, residents, and clinical fellows are participating in a training program of one of the accredited medical schools or of one of its affiliated teaching hospitals in this state, performing duties assigned to meet the requirements of the training program, and while under the supervision and control of a physician fully licensed to practice medicine or surgery in this state. No such student, intern, resident, or clinical fellow is permitted to practice medicine or surgery outside of the person's duties and responsibilities in the training program without being fully licensed to practice medicine or surgery in this state;

(B) It is the responsibility of the program director or the dean responsible for the training program to apply to the board for an exemption for each such medical student, intern, resident, or clinical fellow. Moreover, it is the responsibility of such program director or dean to notify the board of the

termination of the applicant's participation in the training program, whether by completion of the program or for any other reason;

(C) The board may impose a fee, to accompany each application for exemption; and

(D) Eligibility for the exemption provided for in this subdivision (d)(2) shall apply to all eligible persons in training on or after April 8, 1994.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-104(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), osteopathic medical students, interns, residents, and clinical fellows, while participating in a training program approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the American Medical Association, performing duties assigned to meet the requirements of such a training program and while under the supervision and control of a physician, either a doctor of osteopathic medicine or a doctor of medicine licensed to practice in this state, are exempt from the requirement of a license. No such student, intern, resident, or clinical fellow shall be permitted to practice osteopathic medicine outside of the person's duties and responsibilities in the approved training program without being licensed to practice osteopathic medicine.

(2) It is the responsibility of the program director or the dean responsible for the training program to apply to the board of osteopathic examination for an exemption for each such medical student, intern, resident, or clinical fellow. It is the responsibility of such program director or dean to notify the board of the termination of an applicant's participation in the training program, whether by completion of the program or for any other reason.

(3) The board of osteopathic examination may impose a fee to accompany each application for exemption.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.