

HB 1385 -- EXPANDING PHYSICIAN ACCESS ACT OF 2023

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This bill establishes the "Expanding Physician Access Act of 2023".

This bill specifies that, the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts must grant a provisional license to practice medicine in Missouri to any international medical graduate with an offer for employment as a physician by any health care provider that operates in the state, or an international medical graduate licensed in one of the countries specified in the bill, as long as the graduate's federal immigration status allows him or her to practice as a physician in the United States.

The board must convert the provisional license to a full license to practice medicine after three years.

The Board may revoke a provisional license based on clear and compelling evidence that medical services provided by the licensee have violated the state's medical safety, competency, or conduct standards established in Section 334.100, RSMo. A licensee may appeal the revocation of his or her provisional license to a state court of competent jurisdiction over the Board within 120 days of the revocation of the provisional license.

The bill does not require the board to license, on a provisional or full basis, an international medical graduate without:

- (1 ) Evidence of equivalent training;
- (2) Evidence of satisfactory passage of examinations;
- (3) Evidence of legal status to work in the United States;
- (4) Satisfactory results of a background investigation;
- (5) Completion of an application for licensure; and
- (6) Payment of all required fees.

Once the international medical graduate is fully licensed, he or she will not be required to maintain employment with the health care provider who made the offer of employment that qualified the international medical graduate for provisional licensure.