

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2976

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To repeal section 334.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the licensure of physicians.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 334.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 334.031, to read as follows:

334.031. 1. **(1)** Candidates for licenses as physicians and surgeons shall furnish ~~[satisfactory evidence of their good moral character, and their preliminary qualifications, to wit: a certificate of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent, and satisfactory evidence of completion of preprofessional education consisting of a minimum of sixty semester hours of college credits in acceptable subjects leading towards the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science from an accredited college or university. They shall also furnish satisfactory evidence of having attended throughout at least four terms of thirty-two weeks of actual instructions in each term and of having received a diploma from some reputable medical college or osteopathic college that enforces requirements of four terms of thirty-two weeks for actual instruction in each term, including, in addition to class work, such experience in operative and hospital work during the last two years of instruction as is required by the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association before the college is approved and accredited as reputable. Any medical college approved and accredited as reputable by the American Medical Association or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and any osteopathic college approved and accredited as reputable by the American Osteopathic Association is deemed to have complied with the requirements of this subsection]~~ **(1)** Candidates for licenses as physicians and surgeons shall furnish

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **(a) Evidence of good moral character by submitting to a criminal background**  
19 **check as provided in section 43.540;**

20           **(b) Either:**

21           **a. A diploma and academic transcripts from a school accredited by the Liaison**  
22 **Committee on Medical Education, the Commission on Osteopathic College**  
23 **Accreditation, or a similar accrediting agency or from some reputable medical college**  
24 **or osteopathic college; or**

25           **b. A valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical**  
26 **Graduates (ECFMG); and**

27           **(c) A certificate demonstrating that the applicant has satisfied the requirements**  
28 **of section 334.035 relating to postgraduate training. An applicant who holds a valid**  
29 **certificate issued by the ECFMG shall submit satisfactory evidence of successful**  
30 **completion of two years of such training.**

31           **(2) Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, the board shall not require**  
32 **applicants to provide information in addition to the information the applicant is**  
33 **required to furnish under this subsection.**

34           **2. In determining the qualifications necessary for licensure as a qualified physician**  
35 **and surgeon, the board, by rule and regulation, may accept the certificate of the National**  
36 **Board of Medical Examiners of the United States, chartered pursuant to the laws of the**  
37 **District of Columbia, of the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and**  
38 **Surgeons chartered pursuant to the laws of the state of Indiana, or of the Licentiate of the**  
39 **Medical Counsel of Canada (LMCC) in lieu of and as equivalent to its own professional**  
40 **examination. Every applicant for a license on the basis of such certificate, upon making**  
41 **application showing necessary qualifications as provided in subsection 1 of this section, shall**  
42 **be required to pay the same fee required of applicants to take the examination before the**  
43 **board.**

44           **3. The board may require applicants to list all licenses to practice as a physician**  
45 **currently or previously held in any other state, territory, or country and to disclose any**  
46 **past or pending investigations, discipline, or sanctions against each such license.**

47           **4. In addition to the criminal background screening required by this section, the**  
48 **board may obtain a report on the applicant from the National Practitioner Data Bank**  
49 **or the Federation of State Medical Boards.**

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