

HB 2976 -- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

SPONSOR: Phelps

Currently, candidates for licenses as physicians and surgeons must provide:

- (1) Evidence of their good moral character;
- (2) A certificate of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent;
- (3) Evidence of completion of preprofessional education consisting of a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credits in acceptable subjects leading toward the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science from an accredited college or university; and
- (4) Evidence of having attended throughout at least four terms of 32 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 32 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.

This bill replaces that list of documents the candidates are required to submit with the following documents:

- (1) Evidence of good moral character by submitting to a criminal background check ;
- (2) Either:
 - a. A diploma and academic transcripts from a school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, or a similar accrediting agency or from some reputable medical college or osteopathic college; or
 - b. A valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG); and
- (3) Evidence of having successfully completed such postgraduate training in hospitals or medical or osteopathic colleges.

An applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by the ECFMG shall submit satisfactory evidence of successful completion of two years of such training.

This bill provides that the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts may require applicants to list all licenses to practice as a physician currently or previously held in any other state, territory, or country and to disclose any past or pending investigations, discipline, or sanctions against each such license. Additionally, the Board may obtain a report on the applicant from the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Federation of State Medical Boards.