

HB 3352 -- INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN LICENSE

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Currently, the Board of Registration of the Healing Arts may grant a temporary license to any otherwise qualified physician to teach or lecture and provide patient care services related thereto in a program sponsored by an accredited medical school in the state of Missouri or any accredited hospital. This bill allows the physician to also provide patient care services in the program with the temporary license.

This bill specifies that the Board may issue a transitional license to a physician sponsored by an accredited medical school in Missouri. Two categories of physicians may qualify for the temporary license. Those physicians are either:

- (1) A physician who was previously licensed in Missouri who:
 - (a) Practiced at least two year in Missouri or another state;
 - (b) Is in good standing and has not had his or her license suspended or revoked or otherwise had any disciplinary action taken against him or her for any reason; and
 - (c) Has let his or her license lapse for no more than 10 years;
or
- (2) A foreigntrained physician who:
 - (a) Has practiced at least two years abroad as a licensed physician in good standing;
 - (b) Is certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates;
 - (c) Has completed at least three years of postgraduate training in a country with requirements comparable to or stricter than this State; and
 - (d) Has this training verified by the sponsoring medical school.

The transitional license lasts no more than three years and it terminates automatically. The transitional licenses cannot be used for locum tenens or other itinerant medical practices.

The Board may waive certain licensing requirements and grant a permanent license if the applicant:

- (1) Has held a transitional license for at least three years;
- (2) Has been employed by the sponsoring medical school for at least three years;
- (3) Meets all Boardimposed rules; and
- (4) Holds a valid license in another U.S. state, territory, D.C., or a foreign country allowing full physician practice.

Before granting a waiver, the Board may require the applicant to pass the Federation of State Medical Boards' Special Purpose Examination. If a waiver is granted, the permanent license may be restricted to the physician's specialty.

The Board cannot grant a waiver to anyone who has failed a licensing exam three or more times in any jurisdiction.