

HOUSE BILL NO. 1436

Introduced by

Representative Pollert

Senator Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 43-17-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to licensure of physicians.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 43-17-18 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 3. Graduates of international schools.
- 7 a. An applicant who is a graduate of a medical school not located in the United
8 States, its possessions, territories, or Canada, shall present evidence,
9 satisfactory to the board, that the applicant possesses the degree of doctor of
10 medicine or a board-approved equivalent based on satisfactory completion of
11 educational programs acceptable to the board. Graduates of osteopathic
12 schools located outside the United States are not eligible for licensure.
- 13 b. An applicant who has graduated from a medical school not located in the
14 United States, its possessions, territories, or Canada, must present evidence,
15 satisfactory to the board, that the applicant has successfully completed ~~three~~
16 two years of postgraduate training in a program located in the United States,
17 its possessions, territories, or Canada, and accredited by a national
18 accrediting organization approved by the board or other graduate training
19 approved in advance by the board as meeting standards similar to those of a
20 national accrediting organization. ~~However, if such an applicant has not~~
21 ~~completed three years of postgraduate training in a program approved by the~~
22 ~~board or by an accrediting body approved by the board, but has met all other~~
23 ~~licensing requirements and has successfully completed one year of~~
24 ~~postgraduate training in the United States or Canada in a program approved~~

1 ~~by the board, and if the board finds that the applicant has other professional~~
2 ~~experience and training that is substantially equivalent to the second and third~~
3 ~~year of postgraduate training, then the applicant may be deemed eligible for~~
4 ~~licensure. The board is granted broad discretion in determining whether to~~
5 ~~apply this exception to the normal licensing requirements. An applicant~~
6 ~~seeking licensure under this exception must present evidence satisfactory to~~
7 ~~the board that:~~

- 8 ~~(1) The applicant is certified by a specialty board recognized by the~~
9 ~~American board of medical specialties or by a specialty board~~
10 ~~recognized by the royal college of physicians and surgeons of Canada;~~
11 ~~or~~
12 ~~(2) The applicant has passed the special purpose examination developed~~
13 ~~by the federation of state medical boards of the United States.~~

- 14 c. The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the
15 applicant has been awarded a certificate by the educational council for foreign
16 medical graduates. The board may adopt rules establishing specific
17 exceptions to this requirement.
18 d. The applicant has a working ability in the English language sufficient to
19 communicate with patients and physicians and to engage in the practice of
20 medicine.