

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1222**

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senators Berry, 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 graduates of international medical schools

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 Century  
5 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 schools  
12 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 United  
14 States, its possessions, territories, or Canada, must present evidence,  
15 satisfactory to the board, that the applicant has successfully completed ~~three-~~  
16 ~~year~~thirty months of postgraduate training in a program located in the United  
17 States, 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-year~~thirty months of postgraduate training in a program  
22 approved by the board or by an accrediting body approved by the board, but has  
23 met all other licensing requirements and has successfully completed one year of  
24 postgraduate training in the United States or Canada in a program approved by

1 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~~last eighteen months of postgraduate training, then the applicant may be  
4 deemed eligible for licensure. The board is granted broad discretion in  
5 determining whether to apply this exception to the normal licensing requirements.  
6 An applicant seeking licensure under this exception must present evidence  
7 satisfactory to the board that:

8 (1) The applicant is certified by a specialty board recognized by the American  
9 board of medical specialties or by a specialty board recognized by the royal  
10 college of physicians and surgeons of Canada; or

11 (2) The applicant has passed the special purpose examination developed by  
12 the federation of state medical boards of the United States.

13 c. The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant  
14 has been awarded a certificate by the educational council for foreign medical  
15 graduates. The board may adopt rules establishing specific exceptions to this  
16 requirement.

17 d. The applicant has a working ability in the English language sufficient to  
18 communicate with patients and physicians and to engage in the practice of  
19 medicine.