

**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.