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AMENDMENT TO S.B. 332
PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Amend Section 7, subsection (c), page 3, ll. 18 and 19, and subsection (d), page 3, ll. 33 and 34, and subsection (d)(2), page 4, ll. 3 and 4, as follows:

(New language is underlined; deleted language is ~~lined through~~)

Sec. 7. NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license authorizing him to practice.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.161 ~~{or 630.164,}~~ ***630.164 and section 4 of this act***, a license may be issued to any person who:

(a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school:

(1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges; or

(2) Which provides a course of professional instruction equivalent to that provided in medical schools in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;

(c) ~~{Has}~~ ***Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties and maintains such certification for the duration of his licensure or has passed:***

(1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners;

(2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;

(3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination;

3-25 (4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or
3-26 territory of the United States, if the applicant is certified by a
3-27 specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;

3-28 (5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the
3-29 Medical Council of Canada; or

3-30 (6) Any combination of the examinations specified in
3-31 subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that the Board ~~{determined}~~
3-32 *determines* to be sufficient;

3-33 (d) *Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American
Board of*

3-34 *Medical Specialties in the specialties of emergency medicine,*
preventive medicine or family practice and maintains such
certification for the duration of his licensure or:

3-35 (1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:

3-36 ~~{(1)}~~ (I) Education as a resident in the United States or
3-37 Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation
3-38 Council for Graduate Medical Education ~~{of the American Medical~~
3-39 ~~Association}~~ or the Coordinating Council of Medical Education of
3-40 the Canadian Medical Association; or

3-41 ~~{(2)}~~ (II) Fellowship training in the United States or Canada
3-42 approved by the Board or the Accreditation Council for Graduate
3-43 Medical Education; ~~{and}~~ or

3-44 (2) *Has completed at least 36 months of postgraduate*
3-45 *education, not less than 24 months of such postgraduate education*
4-1 *must be as a resident after receiving a medical degree from a*
4-2 *combined dental and medical degree program approved by the*
4-3 *Board; ~~[or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the~~*
4-4 *~~American Dental Association]; and~~*

4-5 (e) Passes a written or oral examination, or both, as to his
4-6 qualifications to practice medicine and provides the Board with a
4-7 description of the clinical program completed demonstrating that the
4-8 applicant's clinical training met the requirements of paragraph (b).

Amend S.B. 332 in its entirety by adding a new Section as follows:

Sec. 1. If the Governor determines that there are critically unmet needs with regard to the number of physicians who are practicing a medical specialty within this state, the Governor may declare that a state of critical medical need exists for that medical specialty. The Governor may, but is not required to, limit such a declaration to one or more geographic areas within this state.

2. In determining whether there are critically unmet needs with regard to the number of physicians who are practicing a medical specialty, the Governor may consider, without limitation:

(a) Any statistical data analyzing the number of physicians who are practicing the medical specialty in relation to the total population of this state or any geographic area within this state;

(b) The demand within this state or any geographic area within this state for the types of services provided by the medical specialty; and

(c) Any other factors relating to the medical specialty that may adversely affect the delivery of health care within this state or any geographic area within this state.

3. If the Governor makes a declaration pursuant to this section, the Board may waive the requirement of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 630.160 for an applicant if the applicant:

(a) Intends to practice medicine in one or more of the medical specialties designated by the Governor in his declaration and, if the Governor has limited his declaration to one or more geographic areas within this state, in one or more of those geographic areas;

(b) Has completed at least 1 year of training as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education of the American Medical Association or the Coordinating Council of the Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association, respectively;

(c) Has a minimum of 5 years of practical medical experience as a licensed allopathic physician or such other equivalent training as the Board deems appropriate; and

(d) Meets all other conditions and requirements for a license to practice medicine.

4. Any license issued pursuant to this section is a restricted license, and the person who holds the restricted license may practice medicine in this state only in the medical specialties and geographic areas for which the restricted license is issued.

5. Any person who holds a restricted license issued pursuant to this section who completes 3 years of full-time practice under the restricted license may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license. In considering an application for an unrestricted license pursuant to this subsection, the Board shall require the applicant to meet all statutory requirements for licensure in effect at the time of application except the requirement of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 630.160.