



S.F. No. 509 – Amending licensing requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools (1st Engrossment)

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Bill Overview

S.F. No. 509 permits the Board of Medical Practice to issue a limited license to practice medicine to a person who has practiced medicine outside of the United States and has satisfied certain requirements. The bill further provides that the Board of Medical Practice may issue a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a limited license holder after meeting certain requirements.

Section Summaries

Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 144.99, subdivision 1) This section provides the commissioner of health with the ability to issue a corrective order to an employer of a graduate of a foreign medical school holding a limited medical license, and specifies the procedures if the employer wants to appeal the corrective order. This authority gives the commissioner the ability to require employers to comply with: (1) the mandatory minimum compensation (to be at least equivalent to a resident), and (2) to maintain medical malpractice insurance for the limited license holder.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 147.01, subdivision 7) This section provides specific application and license fees that the Board of Medical Practice may charge for a nonrenewable 24-month limited license and the initial physician license for a limited license holder.

Section 3 (adds Minn. Stat. § 147.037, subdivision 1b) This section permits the Board of Medical Practice to issue a limited license to applicants if they have met specific requirements, including but not limited to: (1) practicing medicine for at least 60 months in the previous 12 years outside of the United States; (2) submitting sufficient evidence of an offer to practice within the context of a collaborative agreement within a hospital or clinical setting where a limited license holder and physicians work together to provide patient care; (3) providing services in a designated rural area or underserved urban community; and (4) submitting two letters of recommendation. In addition, this section requires an employer of a limited licensee to pay the licensee an amount at least equivalent to a medical resident in a comparable field, and sets forth the requirements for a collaborative

agreement between the limited licensee and collaborating physicians. This section further provides that the board may issue a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a person who has: (1) held a limited license for two years and is in good standing to practice medicine in Minnesota; (2) practiced for a minimum of 1,692 hours per year for each of the previous two years; (3) submitted a letter of recommendation from a physician who participated in the collaborative agreement; (4) passed certain testing requirements; and (5) completed 20 hours of continuing medical education.



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