

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1769

BY: GRIESER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS;

AMENDING 59 O.S. 1991, SECTION 493, WHICH RELATES  
TO ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE  
AND SURGERY; MODIFYING REQUIREMENT FOR POST-  
GRADUATE TRAINING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 493, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 493. (a) An applicant, to be eligible for licensure to  
practice medicine and surgery in the State of Oklahoma, must present  
satisfactory evidence of identification; that he is of good moral  
character and is not addicted to habitual intemperance or the  
habitual use of habit-forming drugs; that he has not been convicted  
of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; that he has never  
been guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 509 of  
this title; that his medical license has never been revoked within  
any other state for cause, and that he is not suffering with a  
serious communicable disease; and that he has paid the fee in the  
amount set by rules of the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
Supervision sufficient to cover the cost and expense of the Board in  
processing said application.

It is further provided that the applicant must: (a) submit satisfactory evidence that he is a graduate of a legally chartered medical college or university, the requirements of which for graduation shall have been, at the time of such graduation, in no particular less than those prescribed by the Liaison Council on Medical Education of the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association for that particular year; or (b) submit satisfactory evidence that he has passed such examinations to determine his educational qualifications to take the regular examination for licensure to practice medicine and surgery.

In the course of making inquiry on any candidate, the Board may in each instance ask the Dean of any medical school approved or recognized by it to review, or have reviewed, the premedical and medical qualifications of such applicant and to state in writing whether such applicant, at the time of his examination, had received such premedical and medical school training, or its equivalent, as would meet the present standards for graduation of the professional school headed by such Dean. If in the opinion of such reviewer the applicant has had the equivalent of a full course of premedical and medical training offered by the school of which the reviewer is a faculty member, his statement shall so state. In lieu of the foregoing inquiry into the premedical and medical qualifications of such an applicant, the Board may accept, either in whole or in part, the marks received by such applicant in examinations conducted by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. The fee for appraising the preprofessional and professional qualifications of such applicant shall be based upon the time required of the Board, or its designated agent.

The Board shall, at such time as it deems expedient, require of all applicants for licensure a properly verified certificate attesting that they have completed a minimum of ~~one (1) year~~ three

(3) years postgraduate training in a general hospital which is approved for that purpose by the said Board.

Applicants may become eligible to apply for a license by: (1) passing the licensing examination(s) administered in the State of Oklahoma, or (2) endorsement of a medical license held in a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, or (3) passing the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Applicants may become eligible to apply for licensure by achieving a score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher on every examination offered by the Board and administered in the State of Oklahoma.

An applicant may become eligible to apply for licensure by endorsement by presenting evidence of achieving a grade of seventy-five percent (75%) on an examination prepared by the National Board of Medical Examiners or such other examination approved by the Board but not administered in the State of Oklahoma or the holding of a valid and current medical license in another state, District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, Canada, or Great Britain, when such reports are properly transmitted to the Board and verified.

(b) An applicant may become eligible to apply for licensure as a graduate of a foreign medical school if he can provide evidence of his successful completion of a course of education and training as attested by an authorized official of the foreign medical school, substantially equivalent to that of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine as determined by the Board. All such attestations must be addressed to and received by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may make additional inquiry, including personal interviews as necessary to ensure that the candidate has had such equivalent education and training. If a majority of the Board is not satisfied with the evidence presented that an applicant

from a foreign medical school has obtained education and training substantially equivalent to that offered at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, or if after due diligence an applicant is unable to verify his education and training by an authorized official of a foreign medical school, the said applicant will be held to a higher standard in lieu of such evidence of authentication, and said applicant must score substantially higher on an examination as the Board may require to attest his overall qualifications for licensure to practice medicine and surgery in Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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