

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 842

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONS AND  
OCCUPATIONS; REQUIRING STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
OKLAHOMA, AND UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF  
MEDICINE TO INCREASE ADMISSIONS TO COLLEGE OF  
MEDICINE; PROVIDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR  
ADMISSION; REQUIRING STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS TO SUSPEND CERTAIN LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE  
UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE;  
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 509.1 of Title 59, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall suspend the  
license of any physician or surgeon holding license or certificate  
to practice in the State of Oklahoma upon a finding by the Board  
that the licentiate has failed or refused to keep his or her

commitment made pursuant to Section 2 of this act to practice medicine in a rural county as provided in Section 2 of this act for five (5) years following his or her graduation from medical school. Provided that service in the Armed Forces of the United States including any one period of voluntary enlistment shall not be construed as failure or refusal to meet such commitment if the licentiate begins or returns to practice in a rural county as provided in Section 2 of this act at the end of military service.

B. The Board shall suspend the license or certificate for five (5) years in the same manner as is provided in Sections 503, 504, 505, 506, and 507 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes for suspension of license or certificate for unprofessional conduct. Provided the Board shall have no discretion in the decision to suspend the license or certificate upon the Board's finding that the licentiate has failed or refused to keep the commitment to practice in a rural county pursuant to Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3315 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Regents for Higher Education, the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine shall make it possible for ten percent (10%) more students to enroll in the College of Medicine than were enrolled as first year medical students during the 1990-91 year. A number of admissions slots equal to the ten percent (10%) increase shall be reserved for students who commit to practice medicine for five (5) years following his or her graduation from medical school in a rural county in the State of Oklahoma having a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) persons according to the last preceding Federal Decennial Census.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 4. 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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