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Bill Analysis

SB 1613 creates the Graduate Physicians Act. The measure authorizes the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to license graduate physicians who have graduated from a medical school. A graduate physician is a medical school graduate who has successfully completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or Level 1 and 2 of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States (COMLEX-USA) or the equivalent of such steps and has not completed an approved postgraduate residency. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this measure.

A graduate physician license to practice shall only be valid for 2 years and not renewable. The Board is authorized to suspend or revoke the license of such a physician if he or she is found to have violated a provision of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act or the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act. To practice medicine, the graduate physician must sign a collaborative practice arrangement with a duly licensed physician. Graduate physicians shall be required to identify themselves as graduate physicians, but may refer to themselves as “doctor” or “Dr.” At the end of the graduate physician’s licensure, the collaborative physician shall prepare a report on the graduate physician detailing certain issues outlined in the measure. The measure requires the collaborative physician to maintain liability insurance for each graduate physician. Each graduate physician shall be required to enter into a collaborative practice arrangement with a licensed physician no later than 60 days after the graduate is duly licensed.

The measure requires each collaborative physician to complete a certification course approved by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. The measure prohibits either licensing board from suspending or revoking the license of a collaborative physician due to the actions of a graduate physician if the collaborative physician complies with the provisions of this measure.

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