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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 601

TO CREATE A PATHWAY FOR A GRADUATE OF A FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOL TO
BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE IF HE OR SHE IS OFFERED FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
AS A PHYSICIAN FROM A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 601

Amend Senate Bill 601 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 27, delete "an additional subdivision" and substitute
"additional subdivisions"

AND

Page 1, delete line 31, and substitute the following:

"services in this state as recognized by the Arkansas State Medical Board;
and

(5) "Medically underserved population" means the same as defined
in 42 U.S.C. § 254b, as existing on January 1, 2025."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 2 through 5, and substitute the following:

~~"State Medical Board~~ Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates."

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "operates in" and substitute "operates in a medically
underserved population in"



AND

Page 3, line 5, delete "(c)" and substitute "(c)(1)"

AND

Page 3, line 7, delete "(1)" and substitute "(A)"

AND

Page 3, line 8, delete "or other healthcare provider"

AND

Page 3, delete line 9, and substitute the following:
"least three (3) consecutive years after licensure;"

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "(2)" and substitute "(B)"

AND

Page 3, delete line 11, and substitute the following:
"business days after any change of employer;

(C) Appear personally before the Arkansas State Medical Board together with the sponsoring physician who is licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board; and

(D) Present to the Arkansas State Medical Board information as to what area or department in which he or she will be practicing medicine and who will be his or her sponsoring physician.

(2) The license issued under subdivision (b)(3)(A)(iii)(c) of this section shall be a provisional license that authorizes practicing medicine only within the clinical programs approved by the sponsoring physician who is licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board.

(3)(A) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall issue each

provisional license under subdivision (b)(3)(A)(iii)(c) of this section for a period of one (1) year.

(B) At the end of one (1) year, the provisional license issued under subdivision (b)(3)(A)(iii)(c) of this section shall lapse, and if the physician desires to continue the practice of medicine under the provisional license issued under subdivision (b)(3)(A)(iii)(c) of this section, the physician shall:

(i) Submit completed renewal forms to the Arkansas State Medical Board providing information as requested by the Arkansas State Medical Board;

(ii) Pay a renewal fee as established by the Arkansas State Medical Board; and

(iii) If requested, appear in person before the Arkansas State Medical Board, together with the sponsoring physician.

(4) At the end of the second year of practice with a provisional license under subdivision (b)(3)(A)(iii)(c) of this section, the physician is eligible for an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in this state after review and approval of the Arkansas State Medical Board.

(5) A physician who obtains a license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas shall comply with the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and all rules of the Arkansas State Medical Board."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative L. Johnson
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