

Subject Limited license to practice medicine

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Overview

This bill permits the Board of Medical Practice to issue a limited license, valid for one 24-month period, to practice medicine to applicants who meet the requirements for a limited license, and establishes requirements for limited license holders, employers of limited license holders, and collaborating physicians. The bill also permits the board to issue a full license to practice medicine to limited license holders who meet the specified requirements.

Summary

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1	Remedies available.
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Amends § 144.99, subd. 1. Authorizes the commissioner of health to use the Health Enforcement Consolidation Act to enforce requirements that a limited license holder's employer must pay the limited license holder at least as much as is paid to a medical resident in a comparable field and that the employer must carry medical malpractice insurance for the limited license holder during the limited license holder's employment.

Effective date: This section is effective January 1, 2026.

2	Physician application and license fees.
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Amends § 147.01, subd. 7. Establishes fee amounts for a nonrenewable 24-month limited license and for an initial physician license for a limited license holder.

3	Limited license.
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Adds subd. 1b to § 147.037. Para. (a) specifies a limited license is valid for one 24-month period and is not renewable or eligible for reapplication. Allows the Board of Medical Practice to issue a limited license to practice medicine to an individual who meets the specified requirements for licensure to practice medicine, other than having completed one year of graduate clinical medical training; has practiced medicine for at least five of the past 12 years outside the United States; submits evidence of an offer to practice within a collaborative agreement; provides services

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in a designated rural area or underserved urban community; and submits two letters of recommendation supporting the limited license. Allows the board to accept forms of proof other than letters if extenuating circumstances prevent an applicant from providing letters.

Para. (b) specifies what constitutes passing certain medical licensure examinations for purposes of this subdivision.

Para. (c) provides a person issued a limited license must not be required to submit evidence of completing one year of graduate clinical medical training in a program accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board.

Para. (d) requires a limited license holder's employer to pay the limited license holder at least as much as is paid to a medical resident in a comparable field, and to carry medical malpractice insurance for the limited license holder.

Para. (e) allows the board to issue a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine to a limited license holder who meets the specified requirements.

Para. (f) requires a limited license holder to submit information to the board, every six months, on the limited license holder's employment and whether the limited license holder has been subject to professional discipline. Allows the board to suspend or revoke a limited license if the limited license holder is no longer employed in the state, and allows a limited license holder, upon request, to have 90 days to obtain new employment.

Para. (g) establishes procedures for temporary suspension of a limited license if continued practice by the limited license holder would create a serious risk of harm to the public.

Para. (h) defines collaborative agreement for purposes of this subdivision. Establishes requirements for collaboration between the limited license holder and collaborating physicians, the limited license holder's contact with collaborating physicians, and practice reviews with each collaborating physician.

Para. (i) requires a collaborating physician to submit a letter to the board attesting to the specified information after the limited license holder has practiced for 12 months.

Para. (j) prohibits the board from granting a license under this section unless the applicant possesses a federal immigration status that allows the applicant to practice as a physician in the United States.

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