

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Regulation

CS/HB 171 — Osteopathic Physicians

by Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Trujillo and others (CS/SB 414 by Health Regulation Committee and Senator Negrón)

The bill revises requirements for licensure to practice osteopathic medicine in Florida for physicians who are licensed in another state and have not actively practiced osteopathic medicine for more than the previous 2 years and for new, unlicensed physicians who completed internship, residency, or fellowship more than 2 years ago. Any such physician whose present ability and fitness to practice osteopathic medicine has been adversely affected by the interruption of his or her active practice of osteopathic medicine, as determined by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine (the board), may, at the board's discretion, be denied licensure in Florida, granted a license with restrictions, or granted full licensure upon fulfillment of certain conditions.

The bill removes the requirement that a person desiring to be registered to practice as a resident physician, intern, or fellow must pass all parts of the examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners and complete 1 year of residency, and deletes obsolete and redundant nomenclature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0