Bill No. HB 2125, 2nd Eng.

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L1	Senators Gutman, Casas and Myers moved the following amendment
L2	to amendment (904652):
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L4	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
L5	On page 2, line 21,
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L7	insert:
L8	Section 58. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1)
L9	of section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are
20	amended to read:
21	458.3115 Restricted license; certain foreign-licensed
22	physicians; United States Medical Licensing Examination
23	(USMLE) or agency-developed examination; restrictions on
24	practice; full licensure
25	(1)
26	(b) A person who is eligible to take and elects to
27	take the USMLE who has previously passed part 1 or part 2 of
28	the previously administered FLEX shall not be required to
29	retake or pass the equivalent parts of the USMLE up to the
30	year <u>2002</u> 2000 .
31	(c) A person shall be eligible to take such
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examination for restricted licensure if the person:

- 1. Has taken, upon approval by the board, and completed, in November 1990 or November 1992, one of the special preparatory medical update courses authorized by the board and the University of Miami Medical School and subsequently passed the final course examination; upon approval by the board to take the course completed in 1990 or in 1992, has a certificate of successful completion of that course from the University of Miami or the Stanley H. Kaplan course; or can document to the department that he or she was one of the persons who took and successfully completed the Stanley H. Kaplan course that was approved by the Board of Medicine and supervised by the University of Miami. At a minimum, the documentation must include class attendance records and the test score on the final course examination;
- 2. Applies to the agency and submits an application fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure;
- 3. Documents no less than 2 years of the active practice of medicine in any jurisdiction another jurisdiction;
- Submits an examination fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure plus the actual per-applicant cost to the agency to provide either examination described in this section;
- 5. Has not committed any act or offense in this or any other jurisdiction that would constitute a substantial basis for disciplining a physician under this chapter or part II of chapter 455; and
- 6. Is not under discipline, investigation, or prosecution in this or any other jurisdiction for an act that 31 would constitute a violation of this chapter or part II of

chapter 455 and that substantially threatened or threatens the public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 59. Subsection (2) of section 458.3124, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

458.3124 Restricted license; certain experienced foreign-trained physicians.--

- (2) A person applying for licensure under this section must submit to the Department of Health on or before December $31,\ 2000\ \frac{1998}{}$:
- (a) A completed application and documentation required by the Board of Medicine to prove compliance with subsection (1); and
- (b) A nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500 and a nonrefundable examination fee not to exceed \$300 plus the actual cost to purchase and administer the examination.

Section 60. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 301 of chapter 98-166, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 301. The sum of \$1.2 million from the unallocated balance in the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Health to allow the department to develop the examination required for foreign licensed physicians in section 458.3115(1)(a), Florida Statutes, through a contract with the University of South Florida. The department shall charge examinees a fee not to exceed 25 percent of the cost of the actual costs of the first examination administered pursuant to section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, and a fee not to exceed 75 percent of the actual costs for any subsequent examination administered pursuant to that section.

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====== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows: On page 3, line 2, after the semicolon, insert: amending s. 458.3115, F.S.; revising requirements with respect to eligibility of certain foreign-licensed physicians to take and pass standardized examinations; amending s. 458.3124, F.S.; changing the date by which application for a restricted license must be submitted; amending s. 301 of ch. 98-166, Laws of Florida; prescribing fees for foreign-licensed physicians taking a certain examination;