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Senator Rodriguez moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 758 and 759

insert:

Section 7. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 458.311, Florida Statutes, as amended by SB 7016, 2024 Regular Session, is amended to read:

458.311 Licensure by examination; requirements; fees.—

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a physician, who does not hold a valid license in any state, shall apply to the department on forms furnished by the department. The department



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12 shall license each applicant who the board certifies:

13 (f) Meets one of the following medical education and
14 postgraduate training requirements:

15 1.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic medical school or
16 allopathic college recognized and approved by an accrediting
17 agency recognized by the United States Office of Education or is
18 a graduate of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college
19 within a territorial jurisdiction of the United States
20 recognized by the accrediting agency of the governmental body of
21 that jurisdiction;

22 b. If the language of instruction of the medical school is
23 other than English, has demonstrated competency in English
24 through presentation of a satisfactory grade on the Test of
25 Spoken English of the Educational Testing Service or a similar
26 test approved by rule of the board; and

27 c. Has completed an approved residency of at least 1 year.

28 2.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school
29 registered with the World Health Organization and certified
30 pursuant to s. 458.314 as having met the standards required to
31 accredit medical schools in the United States or reasonably
32 comparable standards;

33 b. If the language of instruction of the foreign medical
34 school is other than English, has demonstrated competency in
35 English through presentation of the Educational Commission for
36 Foreign Medical Graduates English proficiency certificate or by
37 a satisfactory grade on the Test of Spoken English of the
38 Educational Testing Service or a similar test approved by rule
39 of the board; and

40 c. Has completed an approved residency of at least 1 year.



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41 3.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school
42 which has not been certified pursuant to s. 458.314 and has not
43 been excluded from consideration under s. 458.314(8);

44 b. Has had his or her medical credentials evaluated by the
45 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, holds an
46 active, valid certificate issued by that commission, and has
47 passed the examination utilized by that commission; and

48 c. Has completed an approved residency of at least 1 year;
49 however, after October 1, 1992, the applicant shall have
50 completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least 2
51 years in one specialty area. However, to be acceptable, the
52 fellowship experience and training must be counted toward
53 regular or subspecialty certification by a board recognized and
54 certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties.

55 4.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school
56 which has not been certified pursuant to s. 458.314, has not
57 been excluded from consideration under s. 458.314(8), and is
58 listed in the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical
59 Graduates' World Directory of Medical Schools;

60 b. Has completed at least 1 year of postgraduate internship
61 or residency training as required for licensure by any
62 jurisdiction of the United States and is licensed by such
63 jurisdiction;

64 c. Has obtained a passing score on the licensure
65 examination of the United States Medical Licensing Examination
66 (USMLE) or has had his or her medical credentials evaluated by
67 the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, holds
68 an active, valid certificate issued by that commission, and has
69 passed the examination used by that commission, as established



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70 by rule of the board; and
71 d. Holds an active certificate issued pursuant to s.
72 458.315 and has practiced medicine in this state pursuant to
73 such certificate for at least 6 consecutive years immediately
74 preceding the date of the submission of a licensure application.

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76 A physician licensed under subparagraph 4. is authorized to
77 practice primary care medicine only and may not hold himself or
78 herself out or allow himself or herself to be held out as a
79 specialist in any medical specialty, as established by rule of
80 the board.

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83 And the title is amended as follows:

84 Delete line 86

85 and insert:

86 screening; amending s. 458.311, F.S.; revising
87 requirements for physician licensure by examination;
88 amending s. 1004.435, F.S.; revising the