

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to licensure by endorsement for
 3 temporary certificateholders in areas of critical
 4 need; amending s. 456.0145, F.S.; authorizing certain
 5 temporary certificateholders to be eligible for
 6 licensure by endorsement under certain circumstances;
 7 amending s. 458.313, F.S.; requiring certain
 8 applicants for licensure by endorsement to meet
 9 specified requirements; amending s. 458.315, F.S.;
 10 authorizing certain physicians to apply for licensure
 11 by endorsement under certain circumstances;
 12 authorizing the Board of Medicine to issue a license
 13 for certain applicants under certain circumstance;
 14 providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective
 15 date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 **Section 1. Paragraphs (c) through (e) of subsection (2) of**
 20 **section 456.0145, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
 21 **paragraphs (d) through (f), respectively, and a new paragraph**
 22 **(c) is added to that subsection, to read:**

23 456.0145 Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure
 24 Endorsement (MOBILE) Act.—

25 (2) LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.—

26 (c) An applicant who holds a temporary certificate for
27 practice in areas of critical need pursuant to s. 458.315, s.
28 458.3151, s. 459.0076, or s. 459.00761 is eligible for licensure
29 if the certificateholder:

30 1. Has actively practiced pursuant to that certificate
31 during the 4-year period immediately preceding the date of the
32 submission of the application.

33 2. Has obtained a passing score on the certifying
34 examination of the Puerto Rico Medical Board for graduates of
35 medical schools who completed postgraduate training in Puerto
36 Rico.

37 3. Has obtained a recommendation from the medical director
38 or supervising physician of the approved facility in which the
39 certificateholder practices.

40 4. Has practiced in compliance with applicable board rules
41 and quality standards.

42 **Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 458.313, Florida**
43 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

44 458.313 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.—The
45 department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant
46 who, upon applying to the department on forms furnished by the
47 department and remitting a fee set by the board in an amount not
48 to exceed \$500, the board certifies has:

49 (2) Met the requirements for licensure by endorsement
50 under s. 456.0145 or s.458.315(4) except for s. 456.0145(2)(a)4.

51 but has submitted evidence to the board's satisfaction of the
52 successful completion of either a board-approved postgraduate
53 training program within 2 years preceding the filing of an
54 application or a board-approved clinical competency examination
55 within the year preceding the filing of an application.

56 **Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 458.315, Florida**
57 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5) and a new subsection**
58 **(4) is added to that section, to read:**

59 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
60 critical need.—

61 (4) (a) A physician may apply for licensure by endorsement
62 as provided in s. 456.0145 if he or she has:

63 1. Held a valid temporary certificate for practice in
64 areas of critical need for a period of at least 2 of the 4
65 consecutive years.

66 2. Maintained continuous practice in an approved facility
67 as provided under this section.

68 3. Obtained a passing score on a national licensure
69 examination or holds a national certification recognized by the
70 board. The applicant may satisfy this requirement by
71 demonstrating a passing score on a medical licensure examination
72 administered by a medical board of any state or United States
73 territory that is a member of the Federation of State Medical
74 Boards and that is similar in scope and rigor to a national
75 licensure examination, and by successfully passing the Special

76 Purpose Examination or Post-Licensure Assessment Systems.
 77 (b) The board may issue a license for an applicant who
 78 meets all of the following criteria:
 79 1. Has not been subject to disciplinary action in this
 80 state or any other jurisdiction.
 81 2. Has met all continuing education and professional
 82 competency requirements.
 83 3. Has obtained recommendations from the medical director
 84 or supervising physician of the approved facility.
 85 4. Has practiced in compliance with applicable board rules
 86 and quality standards.
 87 5. Has paid the appropriate licensure fee as provided in
 88 s. 458.313.
 89 (c) The board may adopt rules to implement this
 90 subsection, including, but not limited to, verification
 91 procedures and documentation standards.
 92 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.