An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2050

By: Stinson and Archer of the House

and

Rosino of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, which relates to foreign applicants and requirements; requiring international medical school graduates to meet certain licensure requirements; updating references to foreign licensure body; providing for limited licensure; establishing parameters for obtaining limited licensure and full licensure; defining term; requiring original source verification of certain medical certifications; restricting applicants from licensure under certain circumstances; making certain applicants subject to separate competency requirements; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Professions and occupations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 493.2. A. ~~Foreign~~ Unless otherwise provided by this section, foreign applicants and international medical school graduate applicants shall otherwise meet all requirements for full and unrestricted licensure as provided in Sections 492.1 and 493.1 of this title.

B. 1. A foreign applicant for full and unrestricted licensure shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or a Board-approved equivalent based on satisfactory completion of educational programs from a foreign medical school as evidenced by ~~recognized national~~

~~and international resources available to the Board~~ the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

2. In the event the foreign medical school utilized clerkships in the United States, its territories or possessions, such clerkships shall have been performed in hospitals and schools that have programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

C. ~~A~~ 1. An international medical school graduate may apply for limited licensure. The Board may issue a limited license of defined duration to an international medical school graduate upon finding sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate has:

a. graduated from a medical school which meets the requirements of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), and

b. paid any application fee as set by the Board.

2. The Board shall also find sufficient evidence of the competency of the international medical school graduate through the following:

a. verification of successful completion of a three-year postgraduate training program in the graduate's licensing country, or

b. verification that the applicant otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years outside the United States verified by the employer or health care provider.

3. An applicant under subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall submit sufficient evidence that the applicant is an international medical school graduate and has an offer for employment as a physician at a health care provider that operates in this state and has a postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in place.

4. During the term of the limited license, an international medical school graduate who is granted a limited license under

subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall only provide medical services at a health care provider that has in place postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

5. An international medical school graduate who is granted a limited license shall be supervised by the chair of the department within the applicant's intended practice during the term of the limited license.

6. Three (3) years after the first date the limited licensee begins to practice medicine at a health care provider in this state, the Board may grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a limited licensee under subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection who:

a. is in good standing without disciplinary actions or investigations pending from his or her limited licensure period, and

b. provides documentation of a passing score for United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, 2 CK, and 3.

7. A limited licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted license is not thereafter subject to the restriction of practicing at a health care provider with a postgraduate training program.

8. As used in this subsection, "health care provider" means a facility that will be employing the licensee within an academic health system or the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

D. Any foreign applicant or international medical school graduate shall have a command of the English language that is satisfactory to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, ~~demonstrated~~ determined by the ~~passage of an oral English competency examination~~ Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

~~D.~~ E. The Board may promulgate rules requiring all foreign applicants to satisfactorily complete at least twelve (12) months and up to twenty-four (24) months of Board-approved progressive graduate medical training as determined necessary by the Board for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

~~E.~~ F. All credentials, diplomas and other required documentation in a foreign language submitted to the Board by such applicants shall be accompanied by notarized English translations performed by an institution accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

~~F.~~ G. Foreign applicants and international medical school graduates shall provide satisfactory evidence of having met the requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant status as set forth by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

~~G. Foreign applicants shall provide a certified copy~~ H. The Board requires original source verification of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) ~~Certificate to the Board at such time and in such manner as required by the Board. The Board may waive the requirement for an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate by rule for good cause shown~~ Certification or Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQUE) Certification.

I. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act or rules by the Board. The Board may modify this restriction for cause.

J. If the applicant has not been practicing medicine for more than two (2) years, the applicant shall be subject to Section 495h of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 30th day of April, 2025.

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