

HB 1279 -- LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS

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Currently, applicants for licenses as physicians and surgeons must provide evidence of having attended throughout at least four terms of 32 weeks of actual instructions in each term and of having received a diploma from some reputable medical college or osteopathic college that enforces requirements of four terms of 32 weeks for actual instruction in each term, including, in addition to class work, such experience in operative and hospital work during the last two years of instruction as is required by the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association before the college is approved and accredited as reputable.

This bill specifies that, if an applicant has completed unaccredited postgraduate training in a medical subspecialty for which there isn't a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Division of Professional Registration must consider the training to have satisfied the training requirements for the license.

The Board of Registration for the Healing Arts must waive the training requirements for any applicant who has been licensed as a physician in good standing in another state for more than three years and who is employed or provides medical services at a hospital with training programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

If the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts does not approve or deny an application within 45 days from the date the Board received the application, the application will be deemed approved.