



HOUSE BILL 480: Medical Board Licensing Efficiency Act.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 480 would create a path to licensure by endorsement for physicians, physician assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants who are licensed in other states and have accepted full-time employment in North Carolina. It would also create new fees for licensure by endorsement and increase some existing licensure fees.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would create a process allowing physicians, physician assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants licensed in other states to obtain licensure by endorsement in North Carolina. In order to be licensed by endorsement the applicant must:

- Have an active, unrestricted license and be in good standing in at least one other state or territory of the United States.
- Have an employer verify the applicant has accepted full-time employment in North Carolina.
- Provide proof of identification.
- Attest to being in good standing and not under investigation in the jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed.
- Have actively practiced at least 20 hours per week for the two previous years.
- Meet all the requirements for full licensure by the North Carolina Medical Board.

In addition to these requirements, applicants for licensure by endorsement as a physician must also prove they have practiced for at least two years after graduating from a medical school with an approved residency program and have passed the applicable exams.

Licenses by endorsement must submit the materials for a full licensure application within 120 days of receipt of the endorsed license, and the endorsed license will expire 180 days after it is issued unless those materials are submitted.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the bill will create new fees and increase existing fees as follows:

- The application fee for a license to practice medicine would increase from \$400 to \$550.
- An application fee of \$825 for a license to practice medicine by endorsement would be created.
- The application fee to practice medicine in a training program would increase from \$100 to \$125.
- The fee for initial and annual licensure as anesthesiologist assistant would increase from \$150 to \$200

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- An application fee of \$300 for licensure by endorsement as anesthesiologist assistant would be created.
- A fee for initial licensure as a physician assistant of \$325 would be created in statute. The current fee is \$230 in 21 NCAC 32S .0202(a)(5).
- An application fee of \$500 for a license to practice as a physician assistant by endorsement would be created.
- The annual registration fee to practice medicine would increase from \$250 to \$300.
- The annual license fee to practice medicine in a training program would increase from \$125 to \$150.
- An annual registration fee for licensure as a physician assistant of \$200 (plus \$25 for late registration) would be created in statute. The current fee is \$140 (\$165 for late registration) in 21 NCAC 32S .0204(a)(2).
- The application fee for licensure as a perfusionist would increase from \$350 to \$400.
- The biennial renewal fee for perfusionists would increase from \$350 to \$400
- The perfusionist provisional license fee would increase from \$175 to \$200.

Section 5 of the bill would allow the North Carolina Medical Board to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective October 1, 2025.