



# 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.*
- *Create new fees for licensure by endorsement equal to existing licensure fee plus \$100.*
- *Clarify that the Office of State Auditor can review the records of the North Carolina Medical Board.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

Section 1 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.

Licensees 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.

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Section 2 would create new fees for the new licensure path equal to the existing fee plus \$100. Specifically, the fees are:

- Physicians pay an application fee not to exceed \$500.
- Anesthesiologist assistants pay an application fee not to exceed \$250.
- Physician assistants pay an application fee not to exceed \$330.

Section 3 would allow the North Carolina Medical Board to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill.

Section 4 would clarify that the Office of the State Auditor can review the records of the NC Medical Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The licensure path and fee are effective January 1, 2026. The rulemaking authority and clarification of authority of the State Auditor are effective when the bill becomes law.

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