



HOUSE BILL 67: Healthcare Workforce Reforms, Part II: International Physician Licensure

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Part II of S.L. 2025-37 (House Bill 67) allows licensure for internationally-trained physicians. Applicants for licensure must do the following:

- Be offered employment in a North Carolina hospital or physician's office in a rural county.
- Have a valid license to practice medicine in a foreign country.
- Complete 130 weeks of medical education at a school eligible to be certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.
- Complete two years of postgraduate training or actively practice medicine for 10 years after graduation.
- Pass an exam, receive specialty certification, or demonstrate clinical competence to the North Carolina Medical Board.
- Not have a revoked, suspended, restricted, or denied license, conviction for a crime of moral turpitude, or a violation of a law involving the practice of medicine in any jurisdiction.
- Practice medicine for at least five years.
- Speak English fluently.
- Be legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Pay application fee.

The license is inactive if the licensee leaves the qualifying employment. Practicing medicine outside of one of the qualifying employment areas is a Class 3 misdemeanor. The Medical Board is required to collect information to evaluate the implementation and success of the international licensure provisions of this part.

This Part becomes effective January 1, 2026.

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