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2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1436

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1436

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Kenyon</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Pollert appeared as prime sponsor stating this bill relates to foreign medical school graduates and their ability to obtain an unrestricted medical license within the completion of 2 yrs of graduate clinical medical training. The license will be conditional and require that the physicians remain in good standing in residency in ND.

Todd Grages, of Minot, ND appeared in support with changes (amendment), will get us his written testimony. The reason for the change will help us and still accomplish the intent of what we wanted but still provide some restrictions to physicians that we still think is important in the bill.

Rep. Devlin: what does the amendment do that the original bill does not? Answer: This would provide an opportunity for foreign medical graduates that have completed 2 yrs of residency in the US or Canada are enrolled in ND residency an opportunity to obtain a special license in their

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3rd yr. of residency and work in small facilities. And for an opportunity for them to work in other settings and other communities, when there off of their current residency program.

Rep. Weisz: You are intending to take away ? to corrections to approve the licensure of some that don't need specific requirements that they feel they qualify.

Answer: This would simply do is allow foreign medical graduates that have completed 2 yrs of residency in good standing in either the US or Canada that are actively enrolled in good standing in their 3rd yr. eligible for a medical license. Less stringent than current law.

Rolf Sletten, Attorney for the Board of Medical Examiners appeared in opposition of the original bill, however, recommends the amendment and feels neutral after the amendment.

Rep. Weisz: Are we adding a new subsection 4, subsection 3 stays the same? No & Yes

Rep. Potter: This bill reduces educational requirements from 3 to 2 years post graduate education. Answer: this will affect very few people.

Rep. Price: According to the amendment, they would be a graduate of a medical school from somewhere in the world? Yes They would have completed this 2 yr. post graduate from somewhere in the US or Canada. Yes They would currently be enrolled in post graduate training in ND, how long would that training be? 1 Yr. and at the end of that 3rd year they would be eligible for a regular permanent license.

Rep. Amerman: You mentioned this would affect only a small amount of people, can you give us some idea of what we're looking at?

Dr. Milton Smith of Minot, ND - 16 residents added to the roster of the 3 programs each year. Half are foreign medical trained residents as opposed to American trained residents. We want to be competitive of the neighboring states of the very best foreign medical graduates. ND needs

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recruits. The University of ND is putting out about 4 to 5 medical students that go into family practice this year, last year they put out 11. This shows that ND needs recruits from out-of-state.

Rep. Niemeier: At one time the foreign trained students had to complete one year of approved post graduate and you've increased that to 2 yrs whereby kind of increasing the requirements, what was the reason for that? Answer: that section was one that was in place before there was such a thing as a post graduate training license and that was a very special license that was issued to a few international graduates who needed a license to be in the program. That was restricted to practicing within the program.

Rep. Sandvig: the fiscal note shows charging \$200.00 for the temporary license and then postgraduate training license is \$25.00, is it the same for everyone? Yes, that is what the regular doctors pay is \$200.00

Rep. Kreidt: Will this level the playing field in ND? Yes to some extent.

Vern Harchenko, Director of Ultra Care in Minot, ND, supports the changes and explained why. To get the medical license, there are no more medical examinations after the 1st year of completion of medical residence program and that's I think this bill should reflect that. Change to 1 year so we can utilize these people in our clinics or hospitals, the way it is now, our hands are tied, they've taken all the exams, but presently can't use them because of ND law.

Rep. Amerman: Is there a down side to this as far as insurance? Answer: doesn't feel so.

Rep. Niemeier to Dr. Smith: are you comfortable with going to 2 yrs? Answer: Yes, standards are consistent.

No opposition.

Rep. Pollert: This would be a Hog House Bill, just for committee's information

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Rep. Uglem: How many overseas schools are not good vs. the 2 good ones that were brought up?

Rep. Pollert made a motion for DO PASS as Amended, second by Rep. Potter.

VOTE: 12 - 0 - 1

Rep. Uglem will carry the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/31/2003

Amendment to: HB 1430

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
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Expenditures	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

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2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

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NOTE: The fiscal note for this bill is not affected by the amendment.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

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see narrative #2

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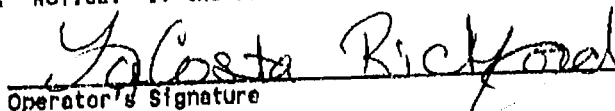
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C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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Name:	Rolf P. Sletten	Agency:	ND State Board of Medical Examiners
Phone Number:	328-6500	Date Prepared:	01/31/2003

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Name:	Rolf Sletten	Agency:	Bd. of Med. Examiners
Phone Number:	328-6500	Date Prepared:	01/27/2003

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1436 HUM. SER. 1-30-03

Page 1, line 1, replace "3" with "4"

Page 1, line 4, replace "3" with "4"

Page 1, replace lines 6 through 24 with:

- "4. Special license. The board may grant a temporary special license to an applicant who is a graduate of an international medical school that is not located in the United States or Canada if that applicant has met all requirements for licensure except those pertaining to postgraduate training ~~if the applicant~~; has successfully completed ~~one year~~ two years of approved postgraduate training in the United States or Canada; and is enrolled in ~~a residency~~ an approved postgraduate training program in this state. This special license is valid only ~~for the purpose of practicing medicine within the scope of the residency training program while the licensee continues to be enrolled in an approved postgraduate training program in this state.~~

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Renumber accordingly

