Assembly Bill Proposes Licensing Graduate Physicians



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Assembly Bill 5273, an amended version of which was introduced in the New Jersey Assembly on June 6, 2025, would establish a framework for licensing graduate physicians who have completed medical school but have not yet finished residency. If enacted, the bill would allow graduate physicians who meet certain qualifications to practice medicine in New Jersey, particularly in medically underserved areas, under the supervision of a collaborating physician. A graduate physician's scope of practice would be limited to primary care services. Graduate physicians would have the authority to prescribe controlled substances and authorize medical cannabis, subject to certain restrictions. Insurers, including Medicaid and other State health insurance programs, would be required to reimburse graduate physicians for services on par with mid-level providers, such as physician assistants.

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