New Pathway for Medical Licensure Bill Introduced



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Assembly Bill No. 5955, introduced in the New Jersey State Assembly on July 24, 2025, would provide international medical school graduates with a pathway to obtain a medical license from the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners (BME). The Bill defines "International Medical Graduate" as one who has (1) earned a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree by a medical program of good standing within the last 7 years; (2) is in good standing with the medical licensing board or regulatory institution of the graduate's resident country within the last 7 years; and (3) has completed residency or substantially similar post graduate medical training in the graduate's resident country or has practiced as a medical professional for no less than 5 of the last 7 years; and (4) possesses basic fluency in the English language. If the graduate can demonstrate the four criteria listed above, the BME would grant a provisional license to the graduate so long as the graduate has (1) an offer of employment as a physician or surgeon; or (2) is already licensed to practice in certain other countries as determined by the BME. While under a provisional license, the graduate would be required to practice under the direct supervision of a fully licensed physician or surgeon in good standing in New Jersey. A provisional license would convert to a full license upon (1) completion of a 3-year term working under the provisional license and (2) there having been no impairment, malpractice, fraud or other misconduct reported to the BME. Any graduate working under a provisional license would be required to disclose this information to patients prior to the provision of any medical services.

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