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Act No. 172 (S.142). An act relating to a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians

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This act establishes a process through which internationally trained physicians may become licensed to practice medicine in Vermont. The act requires the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Board of Medical Practice, to report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027, on a pathway to Vermont licensure for internationally trained physicians, including providing information about other states' processes for licensing internationally trained physicians and the Department's proposal for licensing these physicians to practice medicine in Vermont. Beginning in 2028, the act allows the Board of Medical Practice to issue provisional licenses to internationally trained physicians to practice medicine at certain health care facilities in Vermont and allows the Board to issue full licenses to internationally trained physicians who have successfully completed the pathway to licensure in accordance with rules to be adopted by the Board.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 18, 2026