

Strike-All Amendment to S. 142 - Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Trained
Physicians

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1391 is amended to read:

§ 1391. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE

(g) Internationally trained physicians. The Board may issue a license to an internationally trained physician who has successfully completed the pathway to licensure set forth in rules adopted by the Department.

Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 1351 is amended to read:

(e)(1) The Commissioner of Health, shall adopt rules necessary to implement the pathway to licensure described in Sec. 1391(g) of this title, including:

- (A) Establishing qualifications for the provisional licensure of internationally trained physicians.
- (B) Providing a pathway to full licensure for provisional license holders after the licensee successfully completes a supervision period and satisfies other qualifications as established by the Department.
- (C) Adopting other rules as may be necessary for the implementation of Sec. 1391(g) of this title.

Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 1351 is amended to read:

(e)(2) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Board of Medical Practice, shall provide to the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations a report detailing a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians. The report shall include the following information:

- (A) a summary of other states' processes for licensing internationally trained physicians to practice medicine and, if available, data on the outcomes of these processes and related programs;
- (B) a description of the external resources needed to evaluate the education, experience, and examinations of internationally trained physicians and the availability of these resources;
- (C) a proposal for licensing internationally trained physicians to practice medicine in Vermont, including potential qualifications and supervision requirements for licensure, a summary of any additional resources and

statutory authority needed, a plan and timeline for implementing the licensing program, and provisional licensing fees; and

- (D) any additional information that the Department deems relevant to a robust consideration of the issues related to licensing internationally trained physicians to practice medicine in Vermont.

(e)(3) In preparing the report required by this section, the Department shall consult with other states that have implemented licensing programs for internationally trained physicians; the Windham County NAACP; third-party credentialing services; the Vermont Medical Society; the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems; and other advocacy organizations, researchers, and other entities whose expertise is relevant to developing the report.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 1 (26 V.S.A. § 1391) shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

(b) Sec. 2 (rulemaking) shall take effect on July 1, 2027

(c) Sec. 3 (report) shall take effect on July 1, 2026.