

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 142 entitled “An act relating to a pathway to licensure for internationally
4 trained physicians and medical graduates” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 Sec. 4, effective dates, and inserting in lieu thereof two new sections to be
7 Secs. 4 and 5 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 4. ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO LICENSURE FOR
9 INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PHYSICIANS AND
10 MEDICAL GRADUATES; REPORT

11 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Health, in
12 collaboration with the Board of Medical Practice, shall provide to the House
13 Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations and Military
14 Affairs and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government
15 Operations a report detailing a pathway to licensure for internationally trained
16 physicians and medical graduates as an alternative to the pathway established
17 in Sec. 2 of this act. The report shall include the following information:

18 (1) a summary of other states’ processes for licensing internationally
19 trained physicians and medical graduates to practice medicine and, if available,
20 data on the outcomes of these processes and related programs;

- 1 (2) a description of the external resources needed to evaluate the
2 education, experience, and examinations of internationally trained physicians
3 and medical graduates and the availability of these resources;
- 4 (3) a proposal for licensing internationally trained physicians and
5 medical graduates to practice medicine in Vermont, including potential
6 qualifications and supervision requirements for licensure, a summary of any
7 additional resources and statutory authority needed, and a plan and timeline for
8 implementing the licensing program; and
- 9 (4) any additional information that the Department deems relevant to a
10 robust consideration of the issues related to licensing internationally trained
11 physicians and medical graduates to practice medicine in Vermont.
- 12 (b) In preparing the report required by this section, the Department shall
13 consult with other states that have implemented licensing programs for
14 internationally trained physicians and medical graduates; the Vermont chapter
15 of the NAACP; third-party credentialing services; the Vermont Medical
16 Society; the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems; and other
17 advocacy organizations, researchers, and other entities whose expertise is
18 relevant to developing the report.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) Secs. 1 (26 V.S.A. § 1391) and 2 (26 V.S.A. chapter 23, subchapter 3B)
3 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

4 (b) Sec. 3 (rulemaking) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

5 (c) Secs. 4 (alternative pathway to licensure for internationally trained
6 physicians and medical graduates; report) and this section shall take effect on
7 passage.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE