

CHAPTER 147

BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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147.01 BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 6. License surcharge. In addition to any fee established under section 214.06, the board shall assess an annual license surcharge of \$400 against each physician licensed under this chapter. The surcharge applies to a physician who is licensed as of or after October 1, 1992, and whose license is issued or renewed on or after April 1, 1992, and is assessed as follows:

(1) a physician whose license is issued or renewed between April 1 and September 30 shall be billed on or before November 15, and the physician must pay the surcharge by December 15; and

(2) a physician whose license is issued or renewed between October 1 and March 31 shall be billed on or before May 15, and the physician must pay the surcharge by June 15.

The board shall provide that the surcharge payment must be remitted to the commissioner of human services to be deposited in the general fund under section 256.9656. The board shall not renew the license of a physician who has not paid the surcharge required under this section. The board shall promptly provide to the commissioner of human services upon request information available to the board and specifically required by the commissioner to operate the provider surcharge program. The board shall limit the surcharge to physicians residing in Minnesota and the states contiguous to Minnesota upon notification from the commissioner of human services that the federal government has approved a waiver to allow the surcharge to be applied in that manner.

History: *1Sp1993 c 1 art 5 s 6*

147.02 EXAMINATION; LICENSING.

Subdivision 1. United States or Canadian medical school graduates. The board shall issue a license to practice medicine to a person who meets the requirements in paragraphs (a) to (h).

(a) An applicant for a license shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the board's satisfaction that the applicant is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of being a graduate of a medical or osteopathic school located in the United States, its territories or Canada, and approved by the board based upon its faculty, curriculum, facilities, accreditation by a recognized national accrediting organization approved by the board, and other relevant data, or is currently enrolled in the final year of study at the school.

(c) The applicant must have passed an examination as described in paragraph (1) or (2).

(1) The applicant must have passed a comprehensive examination for initial licensure prepared and graded by the National Board of Medical Examiners or the Federation of State Medical Boards. The board shall by rule determine what constitutes a passing score in the examination.

(2) The applicant taking the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) must have passed steps one, two, and three within a seven-year period. This seven-year period begins when the applicant first passes either step one or two, as applicable. The applicant must pass each of steps one, two, and three with passing scores as recommended by the USMLE program within three attempts. The applicant taking combinations of Federation of State Medical Boards, National Board of Medical Examiners, and USMLE may be accepted only if the combination is approved by the board as comparable to existing comparable examination sequences and all examinations are completed prior to the year 2000.

(d) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of the completion of one year of graduate, clinical medical training in a program accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board or other graduate training approved in advance by the board as meeting standards similar to those of a national accrediting organization.

(e) The applicant shall make arrangements with the executive director to appear in person before the board or its designated representative to show that the applicant satisfies the requirements of this section. The board may establish as internal operating procedures the procedures or requirements for the applicant's personal presentation.

(f) The applicant shall pay a fee established by the board by rule. The fee may not be refunded. Upon application or notice of license renewal, the board must provide notice to the applicant and to the person whose license is scheduled to be issued or renewed of any additional fees, surcharges, or other costs which the person is obligated to pay as a condition of licensure. The notice must:

(1) state the dollar amount of the additional costs;

(2) clearly identify to the applicant the payment schedule of additional costs; and

(3) advise the applicant of the right to apply to be excused from the surcharge if a waiver is granted under section 256.9657, subdivision 1b, or relinquish the license to practice medicine in lieu of future payment if applicable.

(g) The applicant must not be under license suspension or revocation by the licensing board of the state or jurisdiction in which the conduct that caused the suspension or revocation occurred.

(h) The applicant must not have engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action against a licensee, or have been subject to disciplinary action other than as specified in paragraph (g). If the applicant does not satisfy the requirements stated in this paragraph, the board may issue a license only on the applicant's showing that the public will be protected through issuance of a license with conditions and limitations the board considers appropriate.

[For text of subs 5 to 6a, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 21 s 2,3; 1Sp1993 c 1 art 5 s 7

147.03 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT; RECIPROCITY; TEMPORARY PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. **Endorsement; reciprocity.** (a) The board may issue a license to practice medicine to any person who satisfies the requirements in paragraphs (b) to (f).

(b) The applicant shall satisfy all the requirements established in section 147.02, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f).

(c) The applicant shall:

(1) within ten years prior to application have passed an examination prepared and graded by the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Board of Medical Examiners, the United States Medical Licensing Examination program, the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners, or the Medical Council of Canada; or

(2) have a current license from the equivalent licensing agency in another state or Canada and either:

(i) pass the Special Purpose Examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards with a score of 75 or better within three attempts; or

(ii) have a current certification by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, of the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education, or of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

(d) The applicant shall pay a fee established by the board by rule. The fee may not be refunded.

(e) The applicant must not be under license suspension or revocation by the licensing board of the state or jurisdiction in which the conduct that caused the suspension or revocation occurred.

(f) The applicant must not have engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action against a licensee, or have been subject to disciplinary action other than as specified in paragraph (e). If an applicant does not satisfy the requirements stated in this paragraph, the board may issue a license only on the applicant's showing that the public will be protected through issuance of a license with conditions or limitations the board considers appropriate.

Subd. 2. Temporary permit. The board may issue a temporary permit to practice medicine to a physician eligible for licensure under this section only if the application for licensure is complete, all requirements in subdivision 1 have been met, and a nonrefundable fee set by the board has been paid. The permit remains valid only until the meeting of the board at which a decision is made on the physician's application for licensure.

Subd. 3. Exception. Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the board may issue a temporary permit to practice medicine to an applicant who has not satisfied the requirements of subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause 2, item (i) or (ii), but has satisfied all other requirements for licensure under this section, and has paid a nonrefundable fee set by the board. The permit remains valid for six months.

History: 1993 c 19 s 1; 1993 c 21 s 4

147.037 LICENSING OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES; TEMPORARY PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. Requirements. The board shall issue a license to practice medicine to any person who satisfies the requirements in paragraphs (a) to (g).

(a) The applicant shall satisfy all the requirements established in section 147.02, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (c), (f), (g), and (h).

(b) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is a graduate of a medical or osteopathic school approved by the board as equivalent to accredited United States or Canadian schools based upon its faculty, curriculum, facilities, accreditation, or other relevant data.

(c) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has been awarded a certificate by the educational council for foreign medical graduates, and the applicant has a working ability in the English language sufficient to communicate with patients and physicians and to engage in the practice of medicine.

(d) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of the completion of two years of graduate, clinical medical training in a program located in the United States, its territories, or Canada and accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board or other graduate training approved in advance by the board as meeting standards similar to those of a national accrediting organization. This requirement does not apply (1) to an applicant who is admitted as a permanent immigrant to the United States as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences or (2) to an applicant issued a permanent immigrant visa after October 1, 1991, as a person of extraordinary ability or as an outstanding professor or researcher provided that a person under clause (1) or (2) is admitted pursuant to rules of the United States Department of Labor and has completed one year of the graduate, clinical medical training required by this paragraph.

(e) The applicant must:

(1) within ten years prior to application have passed an examination prepared and graded by the Federation of State Medical Boards, the United States Medical Licensing Examination program, or the Medical Council of Canada; or

(2) have a current license from the equivalent licensing agency in another state or Canada; and

(i) pass the Special Purpose Examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards with a score of 75 or better within three attempts; or

(ii) have a current certification by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, of the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education, or of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

(f) The applicant must not be under license suspension or revocation by the licensing board of the state or jurisdiction in which the conduct that caused the suspension or revocation occurred.

(g) The applicant must not have engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action against a licensee, or have been subject to disciplinary action other than as specified in paragraph (f). If an applicant does not satisfy the requirements stated in this paragraph, the board may issue a license only on the applicant's showing that the public will be protected through issuance of a license with conditions or limitations the board considers appropriate.

Subd. 1a. Temporary permit. The board may issue a temporary permit to practice medicine to a physician eligible for licensure under this section only if the application for licensure is complete, all requirements in subdivision 1 have been met, and a nonrefundable fee set by the board has been paid. The permit remains valid only until the meeting of the board at which a decision is made on the physician's application for licensure.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 21 s 5,6

147.0391 RESIDENCY PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. Permit required. A person must have a residency permit to participate in a residency program unless licensed by the board. Upon issuance of a license by the board, the board will terminate a residency permit. A person must have a license to practice medicine to practice outside of a residency program, except as set forth in section 147.09. An applicant for a residency permit must pay a \$20 nonrefundable fee upon initial application and upon a change in residency program a lesser nonrefundable fee set by the board in such amount that is necessary to cover administrative costs incurred by the board. The applicant must also have been accepted into either:

(1) a graduate medical education program accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board; or

(2) other nonaccredited graduate training approved by the board as meeting standards comparable to those of a national accrediting organization.

The approvals required by clauses (1) and (2) must have been granted by the board before the applicant enrolls in the training.

Subd. 2. Terminating participation in residency program. Upon a change in residency programs, a person holding a residency permit must notify the board in writing no later than 30 days after termination of participation in the residency program being terminated. A separate residency permit is required for each residency program until licensure is obtained.

Subd. 3. Reporting obligation. A person holding a residency permit and faculty of residency programs are subject to the reporting obligations of section 147.111. The intent of this subdivision is not to replace routine academic corrective action undertaken by a residency training program.

History: 1993 c 21 s 7

147.081 PRACTICING WITHOUT LICENSE; PENALTY.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. **Practice of medicine defined.** For purposes of this chapter, a person not exempted under section 147.09 is "practicing medicine" or engaged in the "practice of medicine" if the person does any of the following:

(1) advertises, holds out to the public, or represents in any manner that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this state;

(2) offers or undertakes to prescribe, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of another;

(3) offers or undertakes to prevent or to diagnose, correct, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities, any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity or defect of any person;

(4) offers or undertakes to perform any surgical operation including any invasive or noninvasive procedures involving the use of a laser or laser assisted device, upon any person;

(5) offers to undertake to use hypnosis for the treatment or relief of any wound, fracture, or bodily injury, infirmity, or disease; or

(6) uses in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis of human disease or conditions, the designation "doctor of medicine," "medical doctor," "doctor of osteopathy," "osteopath," "osteopathic physician," "physician," "surgeon," "M.D.," "D.O.," or any combination of these designations.

History: 1993 c 121 s 1

147.09 EXEMPTIONS.

Section 147.081 does not apply to, control, prevent or restrict the practice, service, or activities of:

(1) A person who is a commissioned medical officer of, a member of, or employed by, the armed forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, the Veterans Administration, any federal institution or any federal agency while engaged in the performance of official duties within this state, if the person is licensed elsewhere.

(2) A licensed physician from a state or country who is in actual consultation here.

(3) A licensed or registered physician who treats the physician's home state patients or other participating patients while the physicians and those patients are participating together in outdoor recreation in this state as defined by section 86A.03, subdivision 3. A physician shall first register with the board on a form developed by the board for that purpose. The board shall not be required to promulgate the contents of that form by rule. No fee shall be charged for this registration.

(4) A student practicing under the direct supervision of a preceptor while the student is enrolled in and regularly attending a recognized medical school.

(5) A student who is in continuing training and performing the duties of an intern or resident or engaged in postgraduate work considered by the board to be the equivalent of an internship or residency in any hospital or institution approved for training by the board, provided the student has a residency permit issued by the board under section 147.0391.

(6) A person employed in a scientific, sanitary, or teaching capacity by the state university, the state department of education, or by any public or private school, college, or other bona fide educational institution, or the state department of health, whose duties are entirely of a public health or educational character, while engaged in such duties.

(7) Physician's assistants registered in this state.

(8) A doctor of osteopathy duly licensed by the state board of osteopathy under Minnesota Statutes 1961, sections 148.11 to 148.16, prior to May 1, 1963, who has not been granted a license to practice medicine in accordance with this chapter provided that the doctor confines activities within the scope of the license.

(9) Any person licensed by a health related licensing board, as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, or registered by the commissioner of health pursuant to section 214.13, including psychological practitioners with respect to the use of hypnosis; provided that the person confines activities within the scope of the license.

(10) A person who practices ritual circumcision pursuant to the requirements or tenets of any established religion.

(11) A Christian Scientist or other person who endeavors to prevent or cure disease or suffering exclusively by mental or spiritual means or by prayer.

(12) A physician licensed to practice medicine in another state who is in this state for the sole purpose of providing medical services at a competitive athletic event. The physician may practice medicine only on participants in the athletic event. A physician shall first register with the board on a form developed by the board for that purpose. The board shall not be required to adopt the contents of the form by rule. The physician shall provide evidence satisfactory to the board of a current unrestricted license in another state. The board shall charge a fee of \$50 for the registration.

(13) A psychologist licensed under section 148.91 or a social worker licensed under section 148B.21 who uses or supervises the use of a penile or vaginal plethysmograph in assessing and treating individuals suspected of engaging in aberrant sexual behavior and sex offenders.

History: 1993 c 21 s 8; 1993 c 326 art 8 s 2

147.111 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. **Licensed professionals.** A licensed health professional and persons holding a residency permit under section 147.0391, shall report to the board personal knowledge of any conduct which the person reasonably believes constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under sections 147.01 to 147.22 by any physician or person holding a residency permit under section 147.0391, including any conduct indicating that the person may be medically incompetent, or may have engaged in unprofessional conduct or may be medically or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of medicine. A licensed physician or other health professional licensed under this chapter shall also report to the board any occurrence of any adverse reaction resulting from an optometrist's prescription, use, or administration of any topical legend drug. Any reports received by the board must be reported to the board of optometry. No report shall be required if the information was obtained in the course of a physician-patient relationship if the patient is a physician or person holding a residency permit under section 147.0391, and the treating physician successfully counsels the person to limit or withdraw from practice to the extent required by the impairment.

[For text of subds 5 to 9, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 21 s 9; 1993 c 121 s 2

147.121 IMMUNITY.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. **Investigation; indemnification.** (a) Members of the board, persons employed by the board, and consultants retained by the board for the purpose of investigation of violations or the preparation and management of charges of violations of sections 147.01 to 147.22 on behalf of the board are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under sections 147.01 to 147.22.

(b) For purposes of this section, a member of the board or a consultant described in paragraph (a) is considered a state employee under section 3.736, subdivision 9.

History: 1993 c 21 s 10