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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2241

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LIMITED PHYSICIANS LICENSE TO A  
3 GRADUATE OF A FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOL WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO  
4 PRACTICE MEDICINE IN A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION FOR 28 YEARS  
5 AND IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF A STATE HOSPITAL; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Section 73-25-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 73-25-23. The State Board of Medical Licensure is hereby  
11 authorized and empowered to grant limited institutional license  
12 for the practice of medicine in state institutions to graduates of  
13 foreign medical colleges approved by the National Educational  
14 Council for Foreign Medical Graduates or its successor, subject to  
15 the conditions as set out herein.

16 Any graduate of a foreign medical college approved by the  
17 organizations specified in the foregoing paragraph who is employed  
18 or is being considered for employment to practice medicine in one  
19 or more Mississippi state-supported institution(s) located in the  
20 same county shall make application for license to the State Board  
21 of Medical Licensure. The application shall be made on a form  
22 prescribed by the Board of Medical Licensure as required by laws  
23 of the State of Mississippi. The application shall also state the  
24 institution or institutions in which the applicant has assurance  
25 of employment. The State Board of Medical Licensure is hereby  
26 authorized to establish minimum standards of qualifications  
27 including moral, experience and proficiency for such applicants.  
28 The application and the board's recommendation shall be forwarded

29 to the board of trustees and director of the institution(s) in  
30 which the applicant wishes to practice.

31       Upon receipt of such approved application from the State  
32 Board of Medical Licensure, the board of trustees or the governing  
33 authority and director of the institution or health center shall  
34 submit the application for review to the local medical society,  
35 the member of the Board of Trustees of the State Medical  
36 Association of that district and the member of the State Board of  
37 Medical Licensure of the district in which the institution is  
38 located. A formal recommendation from each of these, along with  
39 that of the board of trustees and director of the institution,  
40 shall become a part of the application, and shall then be returned  
41 to the State Board of Medical Licensure. If a majority of the  
42 recommendations are in favor of the applicant, the State Board of  
43 Medical Licensure may, in its discretion, issue a limited license  
44 to practice medicine. The holder of such a license shall be  
45 subject to all the laws of the State of Mississippi governing the  
46 practice of medicine.

47       Such license shall be for one (1) year and shall be in such  
48 form as the State Board of Medical Licensure shall prescribe, and  
49 shall be issued for practice in a particular institution and shall  
50 not be endorsable to another state. The license must be renewed  
51 annually, after such review as the State Board of Medical  
52 Licensure considers necessary. A graduate of a foreign medical  
53 school so licensed may hold such limited institutional license no  
54 longer than five (5) years. However, any graduate of a foreign  
55 medical school so licensed and employed by any state institution  
56 on January 1, 1981, shall not be subject to the five-year  
57 limitation created hereby, and the State Board of Medical  
58 Licensure, in its discretion, may waive the five-year limitation  
59 on limited institutional licenses for any other graduate of a  
60 foreign medical school who holds such license.

61           It is the intent of this section to enable Mississippi  
62 institutions to utilize the services of qualified graduates of  
63 foreign medical colleges during the period necessary for them to  
64 secure citizenship papers, and to meet other requirements for a  
65 regular license, including Educational Council for Foreign Medical  
66 Graduates certification. The State Board of Medical Licensure is  
67 hereby authorized, in its discretion, to refuse to renew, or to  
68 revoke such limited license if the holder of such license has  
69 failed to avail himself of the opportunity to take the examination  
70 for regular licensure after becoming eligible for such  
71 examination.

72           The State Board of Medical Licensure may establish reasonable  
73 and uniform license fees and shall make such rules and regulations  
74 as it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
75 section.

76           The State Board of Medical Licensure is hereby authorized and  
77 directed to grant a limited license for the practice of medicine  
78 under the supervision of a licensed physician to a graduate of a  
79 foreign medical school approved under this section who has been  
80 employed to practice medicine in one or more Mississippi  
81 state-supported institutions for a twenty-eight-year period of  
82 time and who on July 1, 2001, is serving as director of a  
83 Mississippi state-supported hospital. For purposes of this  
84 paragraph, "supervising physician" means a doctor of medicine or a  
85 doctor of osteopathic medicine who holds an unrestricted license  
86 from the board, who is in the full-time practice of medicine and  
87 who has been approved by the board to supervise physician  
88 assistants; and "supervision" means overseeing and accepting  
89 responsibility for the medical services rendered by the holder of  
90 the limited license authorized hereunder in the manner approved by  
91 the board for physician assistants.

92           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
93 and after its passage.