

By: Representative Barnett (92nd)

To: Public Health and Welfare

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 945

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A LIMITED FACULTY MEDICAL LICENSE; AND FOR
2 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a limited faculty
5 medical license for physicians who are graduates of an
6 international medical school and who are seeking employment as a
7 faculty member with the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

8 The board may grant a limited faculty medical license to a
9 physician who is seeking employment with the University of
10 Mississippi Medical Center if that physician does not meet
11 qualifications for permanent licensure, but is held in high esteem
12 for unique contributions the individual has made to medicine and
13 will make by practicing in Mississippi. The board will consider
14 granting and renewing a limited faculty medical license on a
15 case-by-case basis.

16 (2) A physician must meet the following requirements to be
17 eligible for a limited faculty medical license:

18 (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

19 (b) Employed by the University of Mississippi Medical
20 Center;

21 (c) Graduated from an international medical school that
22 is listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED)
23 or its successor and is specifically approved by the board;

24 (d) Completed a limited faculty medical license
25 application;



26 (e) Completed international residency and/or specialty
27 in the field in which he or she is practicing at the University of
28 Mississippi Medical Center;

29 (f) Practiced in a specialized field as a faculty
30 member for a period of at least two (2) years;

31 (g) Be licensed in a jurisdiction outside the United
32 States or Canada and present evidence that any licenses held in
33 any jurisdiction are unrestricted;

34 (h) Demonstrate proficiency in English by providing a
35 valid Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
36 certificate or verification of passing score on the Test of
37 English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), administered by the
38 Educational Testing Service;

39 (i) Present a letter from the dean of the University of
40 Mississippi Medical Center that indicates that the applicant has
41 been invited to serve on the academic staff of the medical school
42 and in what capacity; and

43 (j) Present at least two (2) letters of recommendation
44 from universities, educational institutions or research facilities
45 that indicate the applicant's noteworthy professional attainment.

46 (3) The holder of a limited faculty medical license shall be
47 restricted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center and its
48 affiliated institutions.

49 (4) The limited faculty medical license shall be valid for
50 one (1) year and shall be in the form as prescribed by the board.
51 The limited faculty medical license shall be issued for practice
52 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and may not be
53 endorsable to another state. The limited faculty medical license
54 must be renewed annually, after such review as the board considers
55 necessary. A limited faculty medical license shall automatically
56 expire when the licensee discontinues service on the University of
57 Mississippi medical staff for which the limited faculty medical
58 license was granted.



59 (5) A physician holding a limited faculty medical license
60 will be eligible at the end of a five (5) year period to
61 substitute three (3) year Accreditation Council of Graduate
62 Medical Education (ACGME) approved training required for a
63 permanent medical license with the five (5) year faculty
64 experience. The physician must also obtain a written
65 recommendation and endorsement for medical licensure from the
66 chairman of the department in which the physician has been
67 practicing. All other permanent medical license requirements will
68 remain the same.

69 (6) The board may establish reasonable license fees and
70 promulgate rules and regulations as it considers necessary to
71 carry out the provisions of this section. The holder of a limited
72 faculty medical license shall be subject to all the laws of the
73 State of Mississippi governing the practice of medicine.

74 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new
75 section in Chapter 25, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972.

76 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
77 and after July 1, 2003.

