

By: Representative Barnett (92nd)

To: Public Health and Welfare

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 an academic staff member of 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
22 listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) or
23 its successor;

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



26 (e) Completed international residency and/or specialty
27 in the field in which practicing at the University of Mississippi
28 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 letters of recommendation from
44 universities, educational institutions or research facilities that
45 indicate the applicant's noteworthy professional attainment.

46 (3) The holder of a limited faculty medical license will 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 the State Board of
51 Medical Licensure shall prescribe. The limited faculty medical
52 license shall be issued for practice at the University of
53 Mississippi Medical Center and may not be endorsable to another
54 state. The limited faculty medical license must be renewed
55 annually, after such review as the State Board of Medical
56 Licensure considers necessary. A limited faculty medical license
57 will automatically expire when the licensee discontinues service



58 on the University of Mississippi medical staff for which the
59 limited faculty medical license was granted.

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

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

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

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

