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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2880

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE TO ISSUE A  
3 PHYSICIANS LICENSE TO A GRADUATE OF A FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOL WHO  
4 IS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF A MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 73-25-23. The State Board of Medical Licensure is hereby  
10 authorized and empowered to grant limited institutional license  
11 for the practice of medicine in state institutions to graduates of  
12 foreign medical colleges approved by the National Educational  
13 Council for Foreign Medical Graduates or its successor, subject to  
14 the conditions as set out herein.

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



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

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

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



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

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

75           The State Board of Medical Licensure is hereby authorized and  
76 directed to grant a full license for the practice of medicine to a  
77 graduate of a foreign medical school who has previously been  
78 granted an institutional license in one or more Mississippi state  
79 supported institutions for a twenty-nine-year period of time and  
80 who on July 1, 2001 was serving as director of a Mississippi state  
81 supported hospital and who has passed the clinical competency part  
82 of the Flex Examination for the State of Mississippi.

83           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
84 and after its passage.

