

By: Senator(s) Thames, Burton

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.

