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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 70, L.D. 105, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: "additional"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "practice" the following: "supervised"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Alternative" and inserting the following: "Additional"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: "additional"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 2, lines 9 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1) "Internationally trained physician" means a physician who has received a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from a legally chartered medical school outside the United States recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research or their successor organizations; who has been licensed or otherwise authorized to practice medicine in a country other than the United States; and who has practiced medicine for at least 2 years.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 19 and 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and that provides medical care in a physician shortage area"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "practice" the following: "supervised"

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (4) in the
 2 3rd line (page 2, line 40 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "with" the following:
 3 'clinical and'

4 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph E in the 2nd line (page 3, line
 5 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "6 years" and inserting the following: 'the same
 6 number of years the internationally trained physician practiced supervised medicine
 7 pursuant to paragraph B'

8 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by inserting after paragraph E the following:

9 'F. The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subsection. Rules
 10 adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
 11 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

12 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph F in the 4th line (page 3, line
 13 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following:
 14 'additional'

15 Amend the bill in section 2 in §3271 in subsection 8 by relettering the paragraphs to
 16 read alphabetically.

17 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

18 '**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 19 allocations are made.

20 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

21 **International Medical Graduates Sponsorship Program N493**

22 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish 10 positions annually at one or more
 23 sponsoring institutions for the employment and training of internationally trained
 24 physicians issued a temporary educational license to practice medicine pursuant to the
 25 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3271, subsection 8.

26	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
27	All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

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 31 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 32 number to read consecutively.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes the following
 35 changes to the bill.

36 1. It changes "alternative license pathway" to "additional license pathway" to reflect
 37 current terminology used at the national level.

38 2. It updates the names of the organizations currently responsible for maintaining the
 39 directory of world medical schools.

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- 1 3. It extends the time period that an internationally trained physician must have
- 2 practiced medicine from at least 1 year to at least 2 years.
- 3 4. It clarifies the time period required for an internationally trained physician to practice
- 4 under the conditions specified in the bill before applying for a full and unrestricted license.
- 5 5. It adds language authorizing the Board of Licensure in Medicine to adopt rules.
- 6 6. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.
- 7 7. It makes other technical changes.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 105****LR 193(02)**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians
Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,500,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to a newly established International Medical Graduates Sponsorship Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide funding for 10 slots per year at one or more sponsoring institutions for the employment and training of an internationally trained physician issued a temporary educational license to practice medicine in the State. This fiscal note assumes 10 slots are funded each year at a cost of \$250,000 per slot per year. The Finance Authority of Maine has indicated that it will be able to administer the program within the provisions included in the bill.

Additional costs to the Board of Licensure in Medicine, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.