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To: Adam P. Leighton, M. D., Secretary,
Board of Registration of Medicine
Re: Citizenship

You ask if you are justified in demanding that an applicant for a medical license under reciprocity be a citizen of the United States.

Careful perusal of the statute involved, Chapter 223, Public Laws of 1951, shows no requirement for citizenship in the United States for applicants to take the examination for admission under reciprocity. The only reference to citizenship is in Section 9, which relates to temporary licenses to practise as camp physicians, etc.

We are therefore of the opinion that citizenship is not a requirement under our reciprocity statutes, but feel that practising physicians of high repute are a benefit to our communities and should not be excluded because of the fact that they are not citizens of the United States. This opinion is given without regard to any decision by the Supreme Court of the United States.

James G. Frost
Assistant Attorney General

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See Nov. 1, 1951