

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
3

4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 2011

8 H. P. 2070 House of Representatives, February 19, 1982
On Motion of Mr. Brannigan of Portland, referred to the Committee
on Weath and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Nelson of Portland.
Cosponsor: Representative Brannigan of Portland.

11 STATE OF MAINE
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 AN ACT to Amend the Medical Practice
17 Act.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3271, first sentence, as amended by**
21 **PL 1981, c. 240, is further amended to read:**

22 Any graduate of a medical school in the United States
23 or Canada designated as accredited by the Liaison Committee
24 on Medical Education, or of a foreign-chartered medical
25 school that meets the guidelines established for accredita-
26 tion by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or any
27 foreign medical school graduate who has been evaluated by
28 the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and
29 is a recipient of its permanent certificate, or has success-
30 fully completed an academic year of supervised clinical
31 training under the direction of a medical school accredited
32 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and who has
33 spent at least 12 months in a graduate educational program
34 approved by the Liaison Committee Accreditation Council on

1 Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association
2 or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada,
3 upon payment of a fee of \$175 ~~\$100~~ plus the current cost of
4 the examination, shall be entitled to examination, and if
5 found qualified by a majority of the members of the board
6 and a majority of the members of the board finds that there
7 exists no cause as set forth in section 3282 which would be
8 considered grounds for suspension or revocation of a li-
9 cense, shall be registered as a physician or surgeon in the
10 State of Maine.

11 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3280, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as
12 amended by PL 1979, c. 345, §6, is further amended to read:

13 On or before the first day of July, 1982, the any applicant
14 actively practicing medicine in the State shall include
15 satisfactory evidence to the board that, in the preceding 2
16 years, the applicant has completed a course of continuing
17 medical education as prescribed in the rules and regulations
18 of the board.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 According to a General Accounting Office (GAO) report
21 to Congress, a number of recently established Caribbean med-
22 ical schools with recruiting offices in the United States
23 (foreign-chartered) have inadequate clinical education
24 facilities. This bill provides for accepting these students
25 only if their schools meet established guidelines for ac-
26 creditation.

27 The official name of the Liaison Committee for Graduate
28 Medical Education has been changed to Accreditation Council
29 for Graduate Medical Education.

30 A basic fee for administration of the exam plus the
31 cost of the exam will prevent a deficit in the board's
32 administrative costs whenever the cost of the examination is
33 increased. Beginning January 1983, the cost of the exam
34 will increase from \$90 to \$160.

35 This bill exempts some 3,500 out-of-state registrants
36 from the requirement of submitting documentation of continu-
37 ing medical education, eliminating the need for hiring addi-
38 tional staff to handle the paper overflow.

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