

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1261

S.P. 441

In Senate, March 15, 2005

**An Act To Allow Physicians Licensed in Other States but Trained
outside the United States To Practice Medicine in Maine**

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested
and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CROSBY of Topsham and
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, HOBBS of York, Representatives:
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, FARRINGTON of Gorham, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PILON of
Saco, SMITH of Monmouth.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Waiver for exceptional circumstances. The board may waive the requirements of this section for a physician who does not meet the postgraduate training requirements of subsection 2 but who meets the requirements of this subsection.

A. To be considered for a waiver under this subsection, the physician must:

(1) Be a graduate of a foreign medical school, not including a medical school in Canada or Great Britain;

(2) Be licensed in another state; and

(3) Have at least 2 years of working experience in the area of expertise.

B. If the physician meets the requirements of paragraph A, the board shall use the following qualifications of the physician to determine whether to grant a waiver:

(1) Completion of a fellowship in the United States in the area of practice;

(2) Appointment to an academic appointment at a licensed medical school in the United States;

(3) Publication in medical journals recognized by the board;

(4) The number of years in practice; and

(5) Other criteria demonstrating expertise such as awards or other recognition.

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SUMMARY

This bill allows the Board of Licensure in Medicine, under exceptional circumstances, to waive the postgraduate training requirements for licensure as a physician in this State. The physician must be a graduate of a foreign medical school, not including a school in Canada or Great Britain, be licensed in another state and have at least 2 years working experience in the area of expertise. If the physician meets these requirements, the board must consider the physician for a waiver using criteria

2 such as the completion of a fellowship, academic employment in a
medical school in the United States and the number of years in
practice.