

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 27, 2021

### **An Act Regarding the Qualifications for Licensure as a Physician or Surgeon**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 189, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Postgraduate training.** Each applicant who has graduated from an accredited  
5 medical school on or after January 1, 1970 but before July 1, 2004 must have satisfactorily  
6 completed at least 24 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the  
7 Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association  
8 or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Notwithstanding other  
9 requirements of postgraduate training, an applicant is eligible for licensure when the  
10 candidate has satisfactorily graduated from a combined postgraduate training program in  
11 which each of the contributing programs is accredited by the Accreditation Council on  
12 Graduate Medical Education and the applicant is eligible for accreditation by the American  
13 Board of Medical Specialties in both specialties. Each applicant who has graduated from  
14 an accredited medical school prior to January 1, 1970 must have satisfactorily completed  
15 at least 12 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation  
16 Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association or the Royal  
17 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Each applicant who has graduated from  
18 an accredited medical school on or after July 1, 2004 or an unaccredited medical school  
19 must have satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in a graduate educational program  
20 accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian  
21 Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the Royal  
22 Colleges of England, Ireland or Scotland. An applicant who has completed 24 months of  
23 postgraduate training and has received an unrestricted endorsement from the director of an  
24 accredited graduate education program in the State is considered to have satisfied the  
25 postgraduate training requirements of this subsection if the applicant continues in that  
26 program and completes 36 months of postgraduate training. Notwithstanding this  
27 subsection, an applicant who is board certified by the American Board of Medical  
28 Specialties is deemed to meet the postgraduate training requirements of this subsection.  
29 Notwithstanding this subsection, in the case of subspecialty or clinical fellowship  
30 programs, the board may accept in fulfillment of the requirements of this subsection  
31 postgraduate training at a hospital in which the subspecialty clinical program, such as a  
32 training program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
33 Accreditation or its successor organization, is not accredited but the parent specialty  
34 program is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.  
35 Notwithstanding this subsection, an applicant is deemed to meet the postgraduate training  
36 requirements of this subsection if the applicant has graduated from an oral and  
37 maxillofacial surgery training program accredited by the American Dental Association  
38 Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization, graduated from a  
39 medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or its successor  
40 organization that is associated with the training program and completed 24 months of  
41 postgraduate training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate  
42 Medical Education.

43 The board may not require an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal as a  
44 physician under this chapter to obtain certification from a specialty medical board or to  
45 obtain a maintenance of certification as a condition of licensure. For the purposes of this  
46 subsection, "maintenance of certification" means a program that requires a physician to

1 engage in periodic examination, self-assessment, peer evaluation or other activities to  
2 maintain certification from a specialty medical board.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill provides that an applicant for licensure as a physician or surgeon in the State  
5 satisfies the postgraduate training requirements if the applicant graduates from an oral and  
6 maxillofacial surgery program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission  
7 on Dental Accreditation, graduates from a medical school associated with the training  
8 program that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Accreditation and  
9 completes 24 months of postgraduate training at a program accredited by the Accreditation  
10 Council on Graduate Medical Education.