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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1458, L.D. 2268, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 22 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'4. Application. An internationally trained physician shall apply directly to a rural graduate medical education collaborative in the State for screening and placement by using a process and qualifying criteria developed by a rural graduate medical education collaborative in the State.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B in subsection 5 in the last line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for" the following: 'reasonable administrative expenses and for'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Rules. The authority may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the 5th line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "States;" the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the last line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and who has lived in this State for at least 12 months"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line
2 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "limited" and inserting the following: 'temporary
3 educational'

4 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the
5 first line (page 2, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the
6 following: 'and who has lived in this State for at least 12 months'

7 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (5) in the
8 last 2 lines (page 2, lines 36 and 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "limited license
9 to practice medicine" and inserting the following: 'license pursuant to this paragraph'

10 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph C in the first line (page 2, line
11 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "limited"

12 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph D in the 4th line (page 3, line
13 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "restricted"

14 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph E in the first line (page 3, line
15 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a minimum of 2 years of restricted practice" and
16 inserting the following: 'practicing'

17 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph E in the 2nd line (page 3, line
18 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "paragraph D" the following: 'for a minimum of
19 the same years of practice pursuant to paragraph B'

20 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by inserting after paragraph E the following:
21 'F. Beginning January 1, 2027 and biennially thereafter, the board shall report to the
22 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters related to
23 the licensing of physicians on the status of the International Medical Graduates
24 Sponsorship Program established in Title 20-A, section 12103-B and the alternative
25 license pathway established in this subsection. The board shall report on the number of
26 internationally trained physicians participating in the program and the progress of those
27 physicians toward obtaining a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in this
28 State. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters
29 related to the licensing of physicians may report out legislation based on a report
30 submitted in accordance with this paragraph to the regular or special session of the
31 Legislature in which the report is submitted.'

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

33 '**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
34 allocations are made.

35 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

36 **International Medical Graduates Sponsorship Program N493**

37 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish 10 positions annually at one or more
38 sponsoring institutions for the employment and training of an internationally trained
39 physician issued a limited license to practice medicine pursuant to the Maine Revised
40 Statutes, Title 32, section 3271, subsection 8.

41	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
42	All Other	\$0	\$2,500,000

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,500,000
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title and makes clarifying changes to the bill. The amendment also adds a requirement directing the Board of Licensure in Medicine to report on a biennial basis to the Legislature, beginning January 1, 2027, on the status of the sponsorship program and the alternative license pathway established for foreign-trained physicians.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2268

LR 3083(02)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-926)
 Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$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 2024-25 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.