



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1035**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1580**

**By Briggs, Green, Dickerson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1729

By Cameron Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to licensure to practice medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(a)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following language:

(C) Evidence of the satisfactory completion of:

(i) A one-year United States training program approved by the American Medical Association or its extant accreditation program for medical education, or its successor; or

(ii) A primary specialty training program that is accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and that is of a duration of not less than four (4) years;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(a)(1)(E), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following language:

(E) Evidence of being legally entitled to live or work in the United States if the person is not a citizen of the United States or Canada;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(a)(2)(E), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following language:

(E) Evidence of being a citizen of the United States or Canada, or legally entitled to live or work in the United States; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(a)(2)(F), is amended by deleting the language "within three (3) months" and by substituting instead "within twelve (12) months".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(b), is amended by deleting the language "within seven (7) years" and by substituting instead "within ten (10) years", and is further amended by deleting the language "seven-year time frame" and by substituting instead "ten-year time frame".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g) The board may issue a temporary license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate with demonstrated competency. A temporary license may be issued by the board in its discretion as special circumstances may require. The board may promulgate rules prescribing any other conditions or requirements with respect to the issuance of a temporary license pursuant to this subsection.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

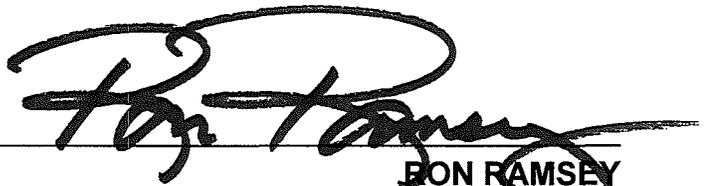
( ) The board is authorized in its discretion to issue limited licenses to physicians who have been out of clinical practice for an extended period of time or who have been, or are at the time of their application, engaged exclusively in administrative medicine. The board may promulgate rules prescribing any other conditions or requirements with respect to the issuance of a limited license pursuant to this subsection ( ).

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding this act or the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, any rule promulgated to implement the provisions of this act shall be provided to the chairs of the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by the secretary of state, after approval by the attorney general and reporter, at the same time the text of the rule is made available to the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives for purposes of conducting the review required by § 4-5-226 in order for the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate to be afforded the opportunity to comment on the rule.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2016

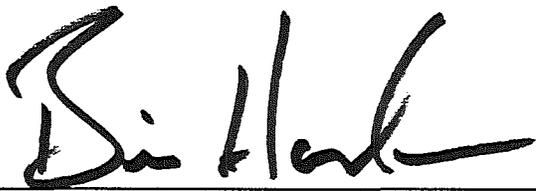


**RON RAMSEY**  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



**BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016



**BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR**