

Enrolled Senate Bill 684

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to limited license to practice medicine; creating new provisions; amending ORS 677.132; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 677.132 is amended to read:

677.132. (1)(a) When a need exists, the Oregon Medical Board may issue a limited license for a specified period to an applicant who possesses the qualifications prescribed by the rules of the board.

(b) The board shall supervise the activities of the holder of a limited license and impose [such] restrictions as [it] **the board** finds necessary.

(c) Each person holding a limited license **under this subsection** must obtain an unlimited license at the earliest time possible. [After such time the] **The** board shall refuse to renew a limited license **issued under this subsection** at the end of a [specified] period **specified by rule** if [it] **the board** determines that the holder [thereof] **of the limited license** is not pursuing diligently an attempt to become qualified for [a] **an unlimited** license.

[2] (d) The board by rule shall prescribe the types of and limitations upon licenses issued under this [section] **subsection.**

(2)(a) **The board may issue a limited license to practice medicine in this state to a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in another state or country and who:**

- (A) **Holds a degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent;**
- (B) **Is appointed as a full-time professor of medicine at a school of medicine in this state;**
- (C) **Is in good standing with the state or country from which the physician holds a license to practice medicine;**
- (D) **Meets any requirements established by rule of the board;**
- (E) **Pays the license fee established by rule of the board;**
- (F) **Submits to the board letters that attest to the applicant's distinguished status and that are written by:**
 - (i) **The dean of the school of medicine where the applicant is a full-time professor of medicine;**
 - (ii) **The department chairpersons at the school of medicine who are directly involved in the applicant's faculty assignments; and**
 - (iii) **At least five of the applicant's academic colleagues who work outside of this state and who are nationally or internationally recognized experts in the specialty area in which the applicant practices or are current or former deans of schools of medicine;**

(G) Maintains active membership in at least two medical specialty societies that restrict membership based on academic or area-of-practice criteria; and

(H) Has published at least two medical papers in peer-reviewed journals.

(b) The board may establish by rule other criteria or qualifications that a physician applying for the limited license described in this subsection must meet.

(c) A physician who is issued the limited license described in this subsection may practice medicine only in conjunction with a full-time appointment as a professor of medicine. A limited license is valid only so long as the physician maintains the full-time appointment.

(3) A person licensed under this section is subject to all the provisions of this chapter and to all the rules of the board[,] and has the same duties and responsibilities and is subject to the same penalties and sanctions as any other person licensed under this chapter.

(4) The board may not issue more than eight licenses under subsection (2) of this section in a four-year period. The board shall ensure by rule the availability of at least two licenses in each year in a four-year period.

SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 677.132 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become operative January 1, 2016.

(2) The Oregon Medical Board may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 677.132 by section 1 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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