

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Marie E. Howe for legislation to further regulate the licensure of graduates of foreign medical schools and introducing a clinical training program in medical schools to be known as the fifth pathway program. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LICENSURE OF GRADUATES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND INTRODUCING A CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FIFTH PATHWAY PROGRAM".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 362 of the acts of
3 1975, is hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—
5 Applications for registration as qualified physicians, signed and
6 sworn to by the applicants, shall be made upon blanks furnished by
7 the board of registration and discipline in medicine, herein and in
8 sections three to nine A, inclusive, called the board. Each applicant
9 who shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof that he is
10 eighteen years of age or over and of good moral character, that he
11 has completed two years of premedical studies in a college or
12 university, that he has attended courses of instruction for four
13 years of not less than thirty-two school weeks in each year, or
14 courses which in the opinion of the board are equivalent thereto, in
15 one or more legally chartered medical schools, and that he has
16 received the degree of doctor of medicine, or its equivalent, from a
17 legally chartered medical school in the United States or
18 commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Canada having the power to
19 confer degrees in medicine, shall upon payment of one hundred
20 and twenty-five dollars, be examined, and, if found qualified by the
21 board, be registered as a qualified physician and entitled to a

22 certificate in testimony thereof, signed by the chairman and
23 secretary. An applicant who has received from a medical school,
24 recognized by the World Health Organization, legally chartered in
25 a sovereign state other than the United States, the commonwealth
26 of Puerto Rico or Canada, a degree of doctor of medicine or its
27 equivalent shall upon payment of one hundred and twenty-five
28 dollars, be examined, and, if found qualified by the board, be
29 registered as a qualified physician and entitled to a certificate in
30 testimony thereof, signed by the chairman and secretary provided,
31 that at the time of his enrollment in such medical school he is a
32 citizen of the United States, that he has successfully completed his
33 undergraduate premedical work in an accredited United States
34 college or university, that he has completed all of the formal
35 requirements of the foreign medical school except internship
36 and/or social service; has completed an academic year of
37 supervised clinical training in a hospital affiliated with a medical
38 school approved by the Council on Medical Education of the
39 American Medical Association; has completed the post-graduate
40 hospital training required by the Board of all applicants for
41 licensure; and has passed the examination required by the State
42 Board of all applicants for licensure.

43 Satisfaction of the above requirements shall be in lieu of the
44 completion of any foreign internship or social service re-
45 quirements.

46 No hospital licensed by this state, or operated by the state or a
47 political subdivision thereof, or which receives state financial
48 assistance, directly or indirectly, shall require an individual, who at
49 the time of his enrollment in a medical school outside the United
50 States is a citizen of the United States, to satisfy any requirements
51 other than those contained in this section prior to commencing an
52 internship or residency.

53 A document, granted by a medical school which is located
54 outside the United States and which is recognized by the World
55 Health Organization, issued after the completion of all the formal
56 requirements of such foreign medical school except internship
57 and/or social service shall be deemed, upon certification by the
58 medical school in the United States in which such supervised
59 clinical training was received of compliance by the person to whom
60 such document was issued of the requirement of the one year of

61 supervised clinical training. The equivalent of the degree of Doctor
62 of Medicine (M.D.) issued by United States medical schools for
63 purposes of licensure and the practice of medicine in this state. The
64 holder of such a document shall thereafter be entitled to all the
65 rights and privileges thereof including the use of the title "Doctor
66 of Medicine" and the suffix "M.D."

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 2 the following section: —

3 *Section 2A.* All schools of medicine licensed by the state or a
4 political subdivision thereof, or which receive state financial
5 assistance, directly or indirectly, shall participate in a program of
6 supervised clinical training, to be known as a "Fifth Pathway
7 Program".

8 Participation shall be defined as the creation and maintenance
9 of the Fifth Pathway Program containing a number of Fifth
10 Pathway participants equal to at least ten percent of the number of
11 M.D. degrees granted by said medical school in the previous year.

12 Refusal of participation in said Fifth Pathway Program shall
13 result in curtailment of state financial appropriations.

14 The state legislature shall make available, from funds ap-
15 propriated for such purpose, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars
16 (\$15,000) for each participant enrolled in a Fifth Pathway
17 Program established pursuant to this section.

18 All participants of a "Fifth Pathway Program" in the state shall
19 agree to practice medicine within the state for a period of two (2)
20 years, in the location of their choice, in the field of medicine of their
21 choice and after all post-graduate training is completed and
22 licensing requirements are met.

1 SECTION 3. To preserve the public peace, health and safety
2 and to aid in alleviation of the health care crisis in this state, this act
3 shall take effect upon its passage.

