

HOUSE No. 75

Accompanying the eighth recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 67). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF GRADUATES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS WHO ARE APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHYSICIANS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the
3 screening of graduates of certain foreign medical schools for
4 the purpose of determining their qualifications for admitting
5 them to examination for licenses to practice in the common-
6 wealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency
7 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 health and welfare.

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 2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the third sentence, inserted by chap-
3 ter 329 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentences:— An applicant who has received from a
5 medical school legally chartered in a sovereign state other
6 than the United States or Canada a degree of doctor of medi-
7 cine or bachelor of medicine or its equivalent shall be re-
8 quired to furnish to the board such documentary evidence as
9 the board may require that his education is substantially the
10 equivalent of that of graduates of medical schools in the

11 United States and such other evidence as the board may re-
12 quire as to his qualifications to practice medicine and shall
13 be required to take an examination offered periodically by
14 the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United
15 States and if the National Board of Medical Examiners of the
16 United States shall certify to the board that the applicant has
17 successfully passed said examination, and if the board shall
18 be satisfied as to his education and his qualifications, then the
19 board shall, upon payment of twenty-five dollars by the appli-
20 cant, admit him to the examination for licensure. However,
21 an applicant, who has received from a medical school legally
22 chartered in a sovereign state other than the United States
23 or Canada a degree of doctor of medicine or bachelor of medi-
24 cine or its equivalent, and said medical school has been ap-
25 proved by the approving authority, shall not be required to
26 take an examination by the National Board of Medical Exam-
27 iners of the United States, and if the board shall be satisfied
28 as to his education and his qualifications, then the board
29 shall, upon payment of twenty-five dollars by the applicant,
30 admit him to the examination for licensure.