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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 115

## BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

2 RELATING TO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1810, IDAHO CODE,

3 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION; AND AMENDING

4 SECTION 54-1811, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSURE

5 BY ENDORSEMENT.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1810, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1810. LICENSURE BY WRITTEN EXAMINATION. Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license will be issued:
- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board which shall require proof of graduation from a medical school acceptable to the board and successful completion of a postgraduate training program acceptable to the board. The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho department of law enforcement state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose or for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for an expedited license as the state of principal license as provided in section 54-1847, Idaho Code. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law.
- (2) Each applicant must pass an examination conducted by or acceptable to the board which shall thoroughly test the applicant's fitness to practice medicine. If an applicant fails to pass the examination on two (2) separate occasions, he shall not be eligible to take the examination for at least one (1) year, and before taking the examination again, he must make a showing to the board that he has successfully engaged in a course of study for the purpose of improving his ability to engage in the practice of medicine. Applicants who fail two (2) separate examinations in another state, territory, or district of the United States or Canada, must make the same showing of successful completion of a course of study prior to examination for licensure.
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. Such an interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1811. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT. Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine in this state who is licensed to practice medicine in another state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license to practice medicine will be issued:
- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board which shall require proof of graduation from a medical school acceptable to the board and successful completion of a postgraduate training program acceptable to the board and which contains proof that the applicant has any one (1) of the following qualifications:
  - (a) The applicant is a diplomate of the national board of medical examiners or the national board of examiners for osteopathic physicians and surgeons;
  - (b) The applicant holds a valid, unrevoked, unsuspended license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery in a state, territory or district of the United States or Canada, and the applicant demonstrates that he possesses the requisite qualifications to provide the same standard of health care as provided by licensed physicians in this state. The board may require further examination to establish such qualifications.
- (2) The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho department of law enforcement state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose or for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for an expedited license as the state of principal license as provided in section 54-1847, Idaho Code. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law.
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. The interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.