

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
AND DISCIPLINE

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, and Miller

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-37 of the General Laws entitled "Board of Medical Licensure and  
2 Discipline" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-37-2.2. Reciprocal licensure.**

4 (a) The board shall license an applicant to practice medicine if the applicant:

5 (1) Became licensed or certified as a physician in another jurisdiction under requirements  
6 that the board determines are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements of this  
7 chapter;

8 (2) Is in good standing under the laws of the other jurisdiction;

9 (3) Submits an application, on a form prescribed by the board, presenting the facts which  
10 entitle the applicant to practice under this chapter; and

11 (4) Pays a nonrefundable application fee in a total amount as set forth in §23-1-54.

12 (b) The board shall adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations, with the approval of  
13 the director, necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to provide for  
2 reciprocal licensure of physicians from other jurisdictions, and in connection therewith, requires  
3 the board to promulgate applicable rules and regulations.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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