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(Premedical education--
requirements)

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[FIRST REPRINT]
SENATE, No. 1085

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED AUGUST 3, 1992

By Senators CODEY and Bennett

1 AN ACT concerning licensure requirements for the practice of
2 medicine and surgery and amending R.S.45:9-7.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. R.S.45:9-7 is amended to read as follows:

7 45:9-7. Except as otherwise provided in [this] chapter [(45:9-1
8 et seq.)] 9 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, every applicant for
9 admission to examination for a license to practice medicine and
10 surgery shall also present proof acceptable to the board [a
11 certificate from the Commissioner of Education of this State
12 showing that] demonstrating that in addition to, and subsequent
13 to, obtaining the preliminary education specified in [section]
14 R.S.45:9-6 [of this Title], and prior to commencing his study in a
15 professional school or college, he had completed a satisfactory
16 course in a college or school of arts and science [approved by said
17 commissioner] accredited by an agency recognized by the board,
18 the duration of such course to have been [1 year if he
19 matriculated in a professional school or college after July 1,
20 1916, and not later than July 1, 1917, and 2 years if he
21 matriculated in a professional school or college after said July 1,
22 1917, during which year, or 2 years, as the case may be, he had
23 studied] two years during which period he had earned no less than
24 60 credits, which credits include one three-credit course each in
25 chemistry, physics and biology; but the board may, in its
26 discretion, admit to examination for a license to practice
27 medicine and surgery any person not meeting the educational
28 requirements of this section, who by reason of having been
29 engaged in the naval or military service of the United States was
30 unable to appear before the board for examination prior to July 1,
31 1919. The additional requirements provided for in this section
32 shall not obtain with respect to any applicant who matriculated in
33 a professional school or college prior to July 1, 1916].

34 An applicant whose premedical education does not meet the
35 requirements set forth in this section may, at the discretion of
36 the board, be permitted to remediate the substantive deficiencies
37 in a manner determined by rules adopted by the board, and be
38 deemed eligible for licensure. ¹The board may waive the
39 educational requirements of this section for any applicant who
40 demonstrates that he has attained the substantial equivalent of
41 these requirements through his post-secondary education,
42 competency, accomplishments and achievements in the practice
43 of medicine and surgery.¹

44 (cf: P.L.1957, c.9, s.1)

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM Committee amendments adopted March 18, 1993.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 Updates premedical education requirements for practice of
 medicine and surgery.

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This bill permits the State Board of Medical Examiners to adopt a flexible mechanism to permit qualified applicants for licensure to remediate deficiencies in undergraduate education in order to qualify for licensure for the practice of medicine and dentistry.

The premedical (undergraduate) education requirements in the current law do not provide the board with sufficient flexibility with respect to evaluating the premedical educational background of foreign medical students, some of whom do not follow the same premedical curriculum as students in this county complete. Although these foreign medical students meet all the requirements for licensure in their own county, have the required medical education, and pass the required examinations for foreign medical graduates, they may not be eligible for licensure in this State because their undergraduate education may not conform with the two-year requirements in the law. This bill would authorize the State Board of Medical Examiners to establish more flexible rules which would allow such otherwise qualified applicants to meet necessary undergraduate educational requirements and thus qualify for licensure in the State.

Updates premedical education requirements for practice of medicine and surgery.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 1085

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 1993

The Assembly Commerce and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1085 [1R].

Current law requires that applicants for licensure to practice medicine and surgery in this State complete two years of undergraduate education prior to entering medical school, which includes courses in chemistry, physics and biology.

This bill amends that provision to: (1) require that the two years of undergraduate education consist of not less than sixty credits which include one three credit course each in chemistry, physics and biology; and (2) allow the State Board of Medical Examiners to permit qualified applicants for licensure to remediate deficiencies in their undergraduate education in order to qualify for licensure for the practice of medicine and surgery.

The bill also provides that the board may waive these undergraduate requirements for applicants who demonstrate that they have attained the substantial equivalent of these requirements through their post-secondary education, competency, accomplishments and achievements in the practice of medicine and surgery.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1085

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 1993

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1085.

The current law requires that applicants for licensure to practice medicine and surgery in this State complete two years of undergraduate education prior to entering medical school, which includes courses in chemistry, physics and biology.

This bill amends that provision to: (1) require that the two years of undergraduate education consist of not less than sixty credits which include one three credit course each in chemistry, physics and biology; and (2) allow the State Board of Medical Examiners to permit qualified applicants for licensure to remediate deficiencies in their undergraduate education in order to qualify for licensure for the practice of medicine and surgery.

In addition, the committee amended the bill to provide that the board may waive these undergraduate requirements for applicants who demonstrate that they have attained the substantial equivalent of these requirements through their post-secondary education, competency, accomplishments and achievements in the practice of medicine and surgery.