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## Overview

This bill establishes a limited license to practice medicine in rural or underserved communities for international medical graduates who meet certain qualifications and who have been Minnesota residents for three years. The bill allows applicants who have completed at least one year of postgraduate medical training in the country in which they received their medical degree or who have practiced in another country for at least five years to practice primary care in a specified employment setting, under physician supervision.

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**1 Limited license to practice medicine in rural or underserved communities for international medical graduates.** Proposes coding for § 147.0373.

**Subd. 1. Requirements.** Directs the Board of Medical Practice to issue a limited license to practice medicine within a rural or underserved community if an applicant that:

- (1) meets the requirements for the foreign medical school graduate licensure, except that a licensee does not need to have completed two years of accredited graduate, clinical medical training in the U.S. or Canada;
- (2) has completed at least one year of postgraduate clinical medical training in the country in which the applicant received their medical education, or has practiced in another country for at least five years;

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(3) has been a Minnesota resident for at least three years; and

(4) has an employment contract or other evidence of that the applicant will be employed when the limited license is issued, to practice medicine in primary care in a rural or underserved community.

**Subd. 2. Limited licensure.** (a) Requires the board to issue a limited license to an applicant who meets the requirements of subdivision 1 and pays the required fee, to practice primary care medicine within the employment setting described in subdivision 1.

(b) Requires a person licensed under this section to notify the board within 30 days of a change of employment. Requires the board to revoke the license if this notification is not submitted.

**Subd. 3. Limitation of practice.** (a) Limits a person licensed under this section to practicing medicine in the primary care setting of the licensee's employer, under a collaborative agreement and physician supervision.

(b) Specifies the required contents of the collaborative agreement.

(c) Defines "supervision" and "supervising physician."

**Subd. 4. Licensure expiration.** Specifies that a license issued under this section expires in two years and may be renewed for an additional two years; allows the licensee to apply for a license without limitation after practicing for two years in a rural or underserved community.

**Subd. 5. Representation of professional status.** Requires a licensee to represent his or her professional status as practicing under a limited license.

**Subd. 6. Standard of practice.** Specifies that a limited licensee must practice within the requirements of a licensed physician, under chapter 147.

**Subd. 7. Revocation of limited license.** Allows the board to immediately revoke a limited license if a licensee violates a requirement of this section. Requires a licensee whose license is revoked to immediately return the limited license to the board.