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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 70, L.D. 105, “An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: 'additional'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12103-B in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "practice" the following: 'supervised'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Alternative" and inserting the following: 'Additional'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: 'additional'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 2, lines 9 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1) "Internationally trained physician" means a physician who has received a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from a legally chartered medical school outside the United States recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research or their successor organizations; who has been licensed or otherwise authorized to practice medicine in a country other than the United States; and who has practiced medicine for at least 2 years.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 19 and 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and that provides medical care in a physician shortage area"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "practice" the following: 'supervised'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (4) in the 3rd line (page 2, line 40 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "with" the following: 'clinical and'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph E in the 2nd line (page 3, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "6 years" and inserting the following: 'the same number of years the internationally trained physician practiced supervised medicine pursuant to paragraph B'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by inserting after paragraph E the following:

'F. The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph F in the 4th line (page 3, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: 'additional'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §3271 in subsection 8 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

International Medical Graduates Sponsorship Program N493

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish 10 positions annually at one or more sponsoring institutions for the employment and training of internationally trained physicians issued a temporary educational license to practice medicine pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3271, subsection 8.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It changes "alternative license pathway" to "additional license pathway" to reflect current terminology used at the national level.

2. It updates the names of the organizations currently responsible for maintaining the directory of world medical schools.

4. It clarifies the time period required for an internationally trained physician to practice under the conditions specified in the bill before applying for a full and unrestricted license.

6. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)