

SENATE No. 217

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to foreign-trained medical professionals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 217) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to foreign-trained medical professionals. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to foreign-trained medical professionals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section
2 9, at the end thereof, the following:-

3 The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide a pathway to full licensure
4 for internationally trained physicians previously licensed or otherwise authorized to practice
5 outside the United States and maintaining limited registration under this section or Board
6 guidance for a period prescribed by the board

7 SECTION 2. Section 45A of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “the faculty of a reputable dental college as defined in
9 section forty-six” and inserting place thereof the following words:- a dental college approved by
10 the board.

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 112 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition
12 is hereby amended by inserting in section 45A, at the end thereof, the following:-

13 The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide a pathway to full licensure
14 for internationally trained dentists previously licensed or otherwise authorized to practice outside
15 the United States and maintaining limited registration under this section for a period prescribed
16 by the board

17 SECTION 4. Section 46 of said chapter 112 is hereby repealed

18 SECTION 5. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section
19 76B, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:- Section 76B. (a) Any
20 person who has taken and passed an examination approved by the board and conducted in the
21 English language, and has been registered by a province of Canada, and meets the eligibility
22 requirements of clinical and theoretical study as determined by the board, and furnishes to the
23 board satisfactory proof of good moral character and having graduated from a school of nursing
24 approved by the board of nursing in the jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally
25 registered shall be deemed to have met standards substantially the same as those of the
26 commonwealth for the licensing of nurses and shall be licensed in the commonwealth without
27 examination.

28 (b) Any person who has taken and passed an examination approved by the board and
29 conducted in a language other than English, and has taken and passed a test of English
30 Proficiency approved by the Board, and has been registered by a province of Canada, and meets
31 the eligibility requirements of clinical and theoretical study as determined by the board, and
32 furnishes to the board satisfactory proof of good moral character and having graduated from a

33 school of nursing approved by the board of nursing in the jurisdiction in which the applicant was
34 originally registered shall be deemed to have met standards substantially the same as those of the
35 commonwealth for the licensing of nurses and shall be licensed in the commonwealth without
36 examination.

37 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary an
38 international medical graduate shall have ten years from obtaining licensure for completion of all
39 steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination

40 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the department
41 of public health in consultation with the board of medicine shall develop and implement subject
42 to appropriation an international medical graduate program to facilitate access to residences.