

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
MEDICAL EXAMINING : CR 15-022
BOARD :
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

None.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

These rules address the changes instituted by the passage of 2013 Wisconsin Act 240 regarding physician licensure. The Act changed the postgraduate training requirement for all applicants seeking physician licensure from 12 months to 24 months. Both U.S. and foreign trained medical school graduates must complete 24 months of postgraduate training or must be currently enrolled and have successfully completed 12 months of a postgraduate training program, and have an unrestricted endorsement from the postgraduate training director that the applicant is expected to complete at least 24 months of postgraduate training.

Act 240 repealed the visiting professor license and created the restricted license to practice medicine and surgery as a visiting physician. The visiting physician license is open to any physician licensed outside of Wisconsin who is invited to serve on the academic staff of a medical school in this state. The holder of a visiting physician license may only practice in the education facility, research facility or medical school where the license holder is teaching, researching, or practicing medicine and surgery. The license is valid for one year and remains valid as long as the license holder is actively engaged in teaching, researching, or practicing medicine and surgery and is lawfully entitled to work in the U.S.

The temporary educational permit to practice medicine and surgery was also repealed and replaced with the resident educational license to practice medicine and surgery (REL). The REL allows the license holder to pursue postgraduate training under the direction of a Wisconsin licensed physician. The holder of a REL may practice online in the postgraduate training program in which the person is being trained. The REL is valid for one year and may be renewed for additional one year terms as long as the license holder is enrolled in a postgraduate training program.

The Act created the administrative physician license. The administrative physician license allows the license holder to pursue administrative or professional managerial functions but does not allow the license holder to treat patients. The administrative physician license holder must comply with all of the same application requirements as a regular license to practice medicine and surgery.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Medical Examining Board held a public hearing on April 15, 2015. The Board did not receive any written comments prior to the hearing. The Board did not receive testimony at the hearing.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment: In Med 3.04, the word “the” before “medical school” could be deleted. Also, a comma should be inserted after the phrase “practicing medicine and surgery”, and the phrase “is limited to” should replace the phrase “only within”. Lastly, the reference to terms and restrictions “established by the board” is unclear. Is this intended to refer to individualized terms and restrictions for the visiting physician, or to terms and conditions given in the rule?

Response: “Established by the board” is intended to refer to individualized terms and restrictions for visiting physicians

All of the remaining recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.