



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 579

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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The bill makes various changes regarding the licenses to practice medicine and surgery and related credentials issued by the Medical Examining Board (MEB).

In general, to be eligible for a license to practice medicine, an individual must graduate from medical school, pass a medical licensing examination, and complete a specified amount of postgraduate training (commonly referred to as “residency”).

Senate Amendment 1 (SA 1) pertains to the residency training requirements for license applicants who are graduates of foreign medical colleges. The bill requires that they must have successfully completed and received credit for 24 months of postgraduate training in an accredited program. The last 12 months of the training must be completed in a single program.

SA 1 provides that a graduate of a foreign medical school is also eligible to apply for a license if all of the following apply:

- The applicant’s currently enrolled in an accredited postgraduate training program.
- The applicant has completed and received credit for 12 consecutive months of postgraduate training in that program.
- The applicant has received an unrestricted endorsement from the program director that includes confirmation that the applicant is expected to continue in the program and complete at least 24 months of postgraduate training.

Under SA 1, the residency training requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools are the same as the requirements for graduates of U.S. medical schools.

BILL HISTORY

SA 1 was offered on February 10, 2014, by Senator Vukmir.

On February 13, 2014, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services voted to recommend adoption of SA 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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