

Title: Abolish Discrimination Against IMGs in Medical Licensing Requirements

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House Action: Approved

Whereas, several states have three years of graduate medical education (GME) training as a requirement for International Medical Graduates (IMG), but not for LCME graduates, to be eligible for a permanent medical license, and

Whereas, our graduating IMG residents are having difficulty starting jobs on time on July 1 because they are not getting their licenses on time, and

Whereas, the AMA and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) have policies on their books that state that the requirements should be equal for IMGs and LCME graduates, but these policies are not being vigorously enforced by other states; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the AMA advocate that state medical societies in states that require unequal amounts of graduate medical education (GME) for International Medical Graduates (IMG) versus LCME graduates to seek legislation in their state legislatures to make GME requirements the same for IMGs and LCME graduates and also to eliminate any other discriminatory requirements mandated for IMGs alone; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the AMA lobby the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) to vigorously promote its policy of equal requirements for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) and LCME graduates and to ask the FSMB to seek changes in laws in each state to eliminate unequal graduate medical education (GME) requirements that discriminate against IMGs.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE