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Title: Standards for Initial Medical Licensure in Michigan
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House Action: **DISAPPROVE**

Whereas, the public health of the citizens of the state of Michigan and the quality of patient care available to them depends on the quality and training of physicians licensed to practice in Michigan, and

Whereas, the only present requirement for the granting of a new, unrestricted license to practice medicine in Michigan is graduation from medical school and two years of post-graduate training, and

Whereas, this requirement originated many years ago, at a time when many physicians went into practice as general practitioners and more than one or two years of post-graduate training was thought unnecessary, and

Whereas, recent research has shown that physicians with fewer than three years of post-graduate training are four times as likely to be subject to disciplinary action by a state medical board for substandard practice¹, and

Whereas, the Federation of State Medical Boards policy calls for three years of post-graduate training as a prerequisite for obtaining a medical license², and

Whereas, it is now the public’s expectation that physicians will have completed residency training in a chosen field before being licensed to practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS endorse the implementation of a higher standard than currently exists for the granting of a new, unrestricted license to practice medicine in Michigan to one that requires the completion of at least three years of accredited post-graduate training in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education- or the American Osteopathic Association-approved post-graduate training program.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Automatic Eligibility for Licensure Limited to Graduates from Medical Schools which Meet LCME Standards

Only graduates from medical schools which meet standards established by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education should be automatically eligible for licensure as medical doctors in Michigan. (Prior to 1990)

Sources:
¹ http://jmr.fsmb.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/TrainingMatters_JMR-102_4_FINAL.pdf
² http://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/FSMB/Advocacy/1998_grpol_Postgraduate_Training_Licensure.pdf