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3 Title: Associate Physician Limited License
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee E
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11 House Action: **REFERRED**
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14 Whereas, a significant number of U.S. citizens are graduating from "off shore medical schools," and are
15 successfully passing USMLE Step 1, Step2 CK, Step 2 CS, and
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17 Whereas, after meeting all the requirements they are granted an Educational Certificate for Foreign
18 Medical Graduates which indicates that they are ready to enter residency programs, and
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20 Whereas, a vast majority of these certified physicians are not successful in matching with a first-year
21 residency slot, and
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23 Whereas, 2017 match data¹ shows that of 7149 registered individuals, only 2777 matched and the
24 remaining 4372 did not get a position, and
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26 Whereas, most of these physicians will never be able to get a residency slot, and
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28 Whereas, these physicians are changing careers into other fields as they are not able to work in
29 medicine to support themselves or pay off their massive student loans, and
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31 Whereas, there is a shortage of primary care physicians in rural and urban areas, and
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33 Whereas, these physicians have successfully completed many years of medical education and could
34 be very useful and valuable in improving access to primary care services to those who are undeserved, and
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36 Whereas, other states² have created innovative licensing programs to assimilate the aforementioned
37 physicians into health care and provision of primary care with limited licensing programs; therefore be it
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39 RESOLVED: That MSMS study and report on the potential to assimilate persons granted an
40 Educational Certificate for Foreign Medical Graduates who were unable to match with a graduate medical
41 education program into a new and innovative licensing pathway.
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44 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: This request would require MSMS to engage with a consulting
45 firm with expertise in this area. Estimates range from \$50,000 - \$60,000.
46 disclose.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Opposing the Establishment of an Assistant Physician Program

MSMS opposes special licensing pathways, including the "assistant physician" pathway, for physicians who are not currently enrolled in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association training program, or who have not completed at least one year of accredited post-graduate U.S. medical education. (Res45-15)

¹ www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Main-Match-Results-and-Data-2017.pdf

² <http://pr.mo.gov/assistantphysicians.asp>; Arkansas: <http://170.94.37.152/REGS/060.00.15-014F-16505.pdf>