

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 608:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 license requirements for persons engaged in the practice of medicine, so as to change certain  
3 provisions relating to licensure to practice medicine by a person who graduated from a  
4 medical or osteopathic college which is not approved by the Composite State Board of  
5 Medical Examiners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 43-34-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license  
10 requirements for persons engaged in the practice of medicine, is amended by striking  
11 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and inserting in its place the following:

12 "(2) Graduates of board approved medical or osteopathic colleges and persons who are  
13 graduated on or before July 1, 1985, from medical or osteopathic colleges which are not  
14 approved by the board must complete one year of a board approved internship or residency  
15 training program to be eligible to stand any regular examination given by the board for a  
16 license to practice medicine in this state. Persons who are graduated after July 1, 1985,  
17 from medical or osteopathic colleges which are not approved by the board must complete  
18 three years of internship, residency, fellowship, or other postgraduate medical training that  
19 is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the  
20 American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the board to be eligible a board approved  
21 ~~internship or residency training program to be eligible to stand any regular examination~~  
22 ~~given by the board~~ for a license to practice medicine in this state. Current certification of  
23 any applicant by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties may be  
24 considered by the board as evidence that such applicant's postgraduate medical training has  
25 satisfied the requirements of this paragraph. However, before any such person shall be  
26 eligible to receive a license to practice medicine in this state, he or she shall furnish the

1 board with satisfactory evidence of attainments and qualifications under this Code section  
2 and the rules and regulations of the board. Nothing contained in this Code section shall be  
3 construed so as to require a person who has previously passed an examination given by the  
4 board for a license to practice medicine in this state to stand another examination."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.