

House Bill 608 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Reece of the 27th and Cooper of the 41st

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.