

# SENATE BILL 489

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By: **Senator Lam**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain applicants for a physician license are exempt  
4 from certain educational requirements if the applicant submits certain evidence of  
5 international postgraduate medical education training accredited by a certain entity;  
6 authorizing certain licensed physicians trained in international medical schools to  
7 practice medicine during their initial license term only under supervision; and  
8 generally relating to physicians trained in international medical schools.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health Occupations  
11 Section 14–308(b)(6)(i) and 14–314(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health Occupations**

17 14–308.

18 (b) An applicant for a license is exempt from the educational requirements of §  
19 14–307 of this subtitle, if the applicant:

20 (6) Meets one of the following requirements:

21 (i) The applicant graduated from any international medical school  
22 and submits evidence acceptable to the Board of successful completion of 2 years of training  
23 in a postgraduate medical education program accredited by [an] **THE ACCREDITATION**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION–INTERNATIONAL (ACGME–I) OR**  
2 **ANOTHER** accrediting organization recognized by the Board; or

3 14–314.

4 (a) **(1)** [Except] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**  
5 **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided in this title, a license authorizes the licensee to practice  
6 medicine while the license is effective.

7 **(2)** **A LICENSEE WHO QUALIFIES UNDER § 14–308(B)(6)(I) OF THIS**  
8 **SUBTITLE MAY PRACTICE MEDICINE DURING THE LICENSEE’S INITIAL LICENSE**  
9 **TERM ONLY UNDER SUPERVISION, AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2026.