

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 153

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-1867, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITED LICENSES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 18, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 54-1867, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

54-1867. LIMITED LICENSE FOR BRIDGE YEAR PHYSICIANS. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Board" means the state board of medicine.

(b) "Bridge year physician" means a person who:

(i) Is within the first year of graduation from a medical school accredited or provisionally accredited by an entity recognized by the board;

(ii) Is a United States citizen or attended medical school in the United States; and

(iii) Applied to, but was not accepted into, an accredited medical residency training program.

(2) The board shall establish a one (1) year, nonrenewable limited license under which bridge year physicians may practice medicine under terms, conditions, and a scope of practice determined by the board. If there is a limit to the number of limited licenses that may be issued, priority shall be granted to bridge year physicians who live in Idaho or who have longstanding ties to the state of Idaho, as determined by the board.

(3) Persons practicing under a limited license established pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Practice only within the scope of practice determined by the board;

(b) Practice under the supervision of a licensed physician or pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement. The person practicing under a limited license shall qualify as one (1) of a supervising physician's permitted advanced practice professionals. The board shall prescribe supervision requirements for limited licensees, provided that such requirements shall be no less stringent than supervision requirements for physician assistants;

(c) Have prescriptive authority as determined by the board; and

(d) Be subject to the same professional discipline, civil liability, and criminal liability as a fully licensed physician.

(4) The services provided by a person practicing under a limited license shall be compensable in accordance with customary medical billing practices.

- 1 (5) The board is authorized to:
- 2 (a) Take such actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of
- 3 this section, including the promulgation of any necessary rules;
- 4 (b) Charge a fee of up to three hundred dollars (\$300) for a limited li-
- 5 cense; and
- 6 (c) Cooperate with the department of health and welfare and other rel-
- 7 evant entities, including hospitals and health care clinics, whether
- 8 public or private, in establishing a limited license.
- 9 (6) No later than January 31, 2033, the board shall provide a report to
- 10 the senate and house of representatives health and welfare committees on:
- 11 (a) Requirements for a limited license;
- 12 (b) The number of limited licenses issued and the number of limited li-
- 13 cense holders who were later accepted into a residency program; and
- 14 (c) Whether and how limited licenses have increased the supply of
- 15 health care providers in health professional shortage areas.

16 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
18 July 1, 2023.