

Assembly Bill No. 1288

CHAPTER 307

An act to add Sections 2092 and 2099.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1288, V. Manuel Pérez. Medical Board of California and Osteopathic Medical Board of California: licensing: application processing.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Existing law establishes the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and authorizes the board to issue an originating or reciprocal osteopathic physician and surgeon's certificate to an applicant who satisfies specified criteria. Existing law establishes the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission and requires the commission to, among other things, identify specific areas of the state where unmet priority needs for primary care exist.

This bill would require the Medical Board of California and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to develop a process to give priority review status to the application of an applicant who can demonstrate, as specified, that he or she intends to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2092 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2092. (a) The board shall develop a process to give priority review status to the application of an applicant for a physician and surgeon's certificate who can demonstrate that he or she intends to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population as defined in Section 128565 of the Health and Safety Code.

(b) An applicant may demonstrate his or her intent to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population by providing proper documentation, including, but not limited to, a letter from the employer indicating that the applicant has accepted employment and stating the start date.

SEC. 2. Section 2099.6 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2099.6. (a) The Osteopathic Medical Board of California shall develop a process to give priority review status to the application of an applicant for an osteopathic physician and surgeon's certificate who can demonstrate that he or she intends to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population as defined in Section 128565 of the Health and Safety Code.

(b) An applicant may demonstrate his or her intent to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population by providing proper documentation, including, but not limited to, a letter from the employer indicating that the applicant has accepted employment and stating the start date.

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