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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Deccio, Thibaudeau, Parlette, Franklin, Benson and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to application requirements for licensing
2 physicians; and amending RCW 18.71.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 307 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Each applicant who has graduated from a school of medicine
7 located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,
8 the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, shall file an
9 application for licensure with the commission on a form prepared by the
10 secretary with the approval of the commission. Each applicant shall
11 furnish proof satisfactory to the commission of the following:

12 (a) That the applicant has attended and graduated from a school of
13 medicine approved by the commission;

14 (b) That the applicant has completed two years of postgraduate
15 medical training in a program acceptable to the commission, provided
16 that applicants graduating before July 28, 1985, may complete only one
17 year of postgraduate medical training;

18 (c) That the applicant is of good moral character; (~~and~~)

1 (d) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of safely
2 carrying on the practice of medicine. The commission may require any
3 applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as it deems
4 necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental capability
5 to safely practice medicine;

6 (e) That the applicant has a professional record that indicates
7 that the applicant has not committed any act or engaged in any conduct
8 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a
9 licensee under this chapter unless the applicant has fulfilled all
10 requirements on any disciplinary action taken in another jurisdiction.
11 The applicant must either be released from that action or approved by
12 the licensing authority in the jurisdiction the action occurred prior
13 to being considered for a license in Washington state;

14 (f) That the applicant has not had a license to practice medicine
15 revoked by a medical regulatory board in another jurisdiction for an
16 action that occurred in that jurisdiction that constitutes
17 unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter unless the applicant
18 has fulfilled all requirements on any disciplinary action taken in
19 another jurisdiction. The applicant must either be released from that
20 action or approved by the licensing authority in the jurisdiction the
21 action occurred prior to being considered for a license in Washington
22 state;

23 (g) That the applicant is not currently under investigation,
24 suspension, or restriction by a medical regulatory board in another
25 jurisdiction for an act that occurred in that jurisdiction that
26 constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter. If the
27 applicant is under investigation by a medical regulatory board in
28 another jurisdiction, the board shall suspend the application process
29 and may not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the
30 investigation is resolved; and

31 (h) That the applicant has not surrendered, relinquished, or given
32 up a license to practice medicine in lieu of disciplinary action by a
33 medical regulatory board in another jurisdiction for an act that
34 occurred in that jurisdiction that constitutes unprofessional conduct
35 pursuant to this chapter.

36 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the
37 commission from requiring such additional information from applicants

1 as it deems necessary. The issuance and denial of licenses are subject
2 to chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

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