

**SHB 1129** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED 04/10/2021**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.71.095 and 2020 c 325 s 5 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The commission may, without examination, issue a limited license  
6 to persons who possess the qualifications set forth herein:

7 (1) The commission may, upon the written request of the secretary  
8 of the department of social and health services, the secretary of  
9 children, youth, and families, or the secretary of corrections, issue  
10 a limited license to practice medicine in this state to persons who  
11 have been accepted for employment by the department of social and  
12 health services, the department of children, youth, and families, or  
13 the department of corrections as physicians; who are licensed to  
14 practice medicine in another state of the United States or in the  
15 country of Canada or any province or territory thereof; and who meet  
16 all of the qualifications for licensure set forth in RCW 18.71.050.

17 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine  
18 only in connection with patients, residents, or inmates of the state  
19 institutions under the control and supervision of the secretary of  
20 the department of social and health services, the department of  
21 children, youth, and families, or the department of corrections.

22 (2) The commission may issue a limited license to practice  
23 medicine in this state to persons who have been accepted for  
24 employment by a county or city health department as physicians; who  
25 are licensed to practice medicine in another state of the United  
26 States or in the country of Canada or any province or territory  
27 thereof; and who meet all of the qualifications for licensure set  
28 forth in RCW 18.71.050.

29 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine  
30 only in connection with his or her duties in employment with the city  
31 or county health department.

1 (3) Upon receipt of a completed application showing that the  
2 applicant meets all of the requirements for licensure set forth in  
3 RCW 18.71.050 except for completion of two years of postgraduate  
4 medical training, and that the applicant has been appointed as a  
5 resident physician in a program of postgraduate clinical training in  
6 this state approved by the commission, the commission may issue a  
7 limited license to a resident physician. Such license shall permit  
8 the resident physician to practice medicine only in connection with  
9 his or her duties as a resident physician and shall not authorize the  
10 physician to engage in any other form of practice. Each resident  
11 physician shall practice medicine only under the supervision and  
12 control of a physician licensed in this state, but such supervision  
13 and control shall not be construed to necessarily require the  
14 personal presence of the supervising physician at the place where  
15 services are rendered.

16 (4) (a) Upon nomination by the dean of an accredited school of  
17 medicine in the state of Washington or the chief executive officer of  
18 a hospital or other appropriate health care facility licensed in the  
19 state of Washington, the commission may issue a limited license to a  
20 physician applicant invited to serve as a teaching-research member of  
21 the institution's instructional staff if the sponsoring institution  
22 and the applicant give evidence that he or she has graduated from a  
23 recognized medical school and has been licensed or otherwise  
24 privileged to practice medicine at his or her location of origin.  
25 Such license shall permit the recipient to practice medicine only  
26 within the confines of the instructional program specified in the  
27 application and shall terminate whenever the holder ceases to be  
28 involved in that program, or at the end of one year, whichever is  
29 earlier. Upon request of the applicant and the institutional  
30 authority, the license may be renewed. The holder of a teaching  
31 research license under this subsection (4) (a) is eligible for full  
32 licensure if the following conditions are met:

33 (i) If the applicant has not graduated from a school of medicine  
34 located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,  
35 the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, the applicant  
36 must satisfactorily pass the certification process by the educational  
37 commission for foreign medical graduates;

38 (ii) The applicant has successfully completed the exam  
39 requirements set forth by the commission by rule;

1 (iii) The applicant has the ability to read, write, speak,  
2 understand, and be understood in the English language at a level  
3 acceptable for performing competent medical care in all practice  
4 settings;

5 (iv) The applicant has continuously held a position of associate  
6 professor or higher at an accredited Washington state medical school  
7 for no less than three years; and

8 (v) The applicant has had no disciplinary action taken in the  
9 previous five years.

10 (b) Upon nomination by the dean of an accredited school of  
11 medicine in the state of Washington or the chief executive officer of  
12 any hospital or appropriate health care facility licensed in the  
13 state of Washington, the commission may issue a limited license to an  
14 applicant selected by the sponsoring institution to be enrolled in  
15 one of its designated departmental or divisional fellowship programs  
16 provided that the applicant shall have graduated from a recognized  
17 medical school and has been granted a license or other appropriate  
18 certificate to practice medicine in the location of the applicant's  
19 origin. Such license shall permit the holder only to practice  
20 medicine within the confines of the fellowship program to which he or  
21 she has been appointed and, upon the request of the applicant and the  
22 sponsoring institution, the license may be renewed by the commission.

23 All persons licensed under this section shall be subject to the  
24 jurisdiction of the commission to the same extent as other members of  
25 the medical profession, in accordance with this chapter and chapter  
26 18.130 RCW.

27 Persons applying for licensure and renewing licenses pursuant to  
28 this section shall comply with administrative procedures,  
29 administrative requirements, and fees determined as provided in RCW  
30 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. Any person who obtains a limited license  
31 pursuant to this section may apply for licensure under this chapter,  
32 but shall submit a new application form and comply with all other  
33 licensing requirements of this chapter.

34 (5) The commission may issue a time-limited clinical experience  
35 license to an applicant who does not qualify for licensure under RCW  
36 18.71.050 or chapter 18.71B RCW and who meets the requirements  
37 established by the commission in rule for the purpose of gaining  
38 clinical experience at an approved facility or program.

39 (6) (a) Upon nomination by the chief medical officer of any  
40 hospital, appropriate medical practice located in the state of

1 Washington, the department of social and health services, the  
2 department of children, youth, and families, the department of  
3 corrections, or a county or city health department, the commission  
4 may issue a limited license to an international medical graduate if  
5 the applicant:

6 (i) Has been a Washington state resident for at least one year;

7 (ii) Provides proof the applicant is certified by the educational  
8 commission for foreign medical graduates;

9 (iii) Has passed all steps of the United States medical licensing  
10 examination; and

11 (iv) Submits to the commission background check process required  
12 of applicants generally.

13 (b) A license holder under this subsection may only practice:

14 (i) Under the supervision and control of a physician who is  
15 licensed in this state under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW and is of the  
16 same or substantially similar clinical specialty; and

17 (ii) Within the nominating facility or organization.

18 (c) A license holder must file with the commission a practice  
19 agreement between the license holder and the supervising physician  
20 who is of the same or substantially similar clinical specialty.

21 (d) A supervising physician may supervise no more than two  
22 license holders under this subsection unless the commission grants a  
23 request to increase this limit.

24 (e) A limited license issued under this subsection is valid for  
25 two years and may be renewed once by the commission upon application  
26 for renewal by the nominating entity.

27 (f) All persons licensed under this subsection are subject to the  
28 jurisdiction of the commission to the same extent as other members of  
29 the medical profession, in accordance with this chapter and chapter  
30 18.130 RCW.

31 (g) Persons applying for licensure and renewing licenses under  
32 this subsection shall comply with administrative procedures,  
33 administrative requirements, and fees determined as provided in RCW  
34 43.70.250 and 43.70.280."

**SHB 1129** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED 04/10/2021**

1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "graduates;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 18.71.095."

EFFECT: Allows any appropriate medical practice located in Washington to nominate a qualified international medical graduate for a limited license. Adds osteopathic physicians to those who may supervise an international medical graduate holding a limited license.

--- END ---