An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 422

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 536.7, which relates to qualifications for licensure of electrologists; removing requirement of a baccalaureate degree for issuance of license; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 493.1, which relates to contents of application; expanding countries in which applicants may receive postgraduate medical training in certain programs; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Qualifications for licensure of electrologists

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 536.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 536.7. A. On and after July 1, 1985, a licensed electrologist shall consist of all persons who are currently licensed by the State Board of Electrology, and all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are of good moral character, and who have satisfactorily passed all examinations before the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, as herein created. On and after July 1, 1985, all applicants for licensure as electrologists shall be required to furnish to the Board the following evidence:

1. ~~Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with a major course of study and the satisfactory completion of college courses as determined by the Board pursuant to its rulemaking authority;~~

~~2.~~ Have successfully completed a curriculum of study established by the Board; and

~~3.~~ 2. Have completed an internship or preplanned professional experience program approved by the Board.

B. To qualify for a license, an applicant shall pass an examination prepared by the Board. The examination, as authorized by the Registered Electrologist Act, shall be in the English language. The examination shall include the subjects required in subsection A of this section as well as dermatology, hygiene, sterilization, electricity and electrolysis (theory and practice).

C. If based on rules and criteria established by the Board, the examinee successfully passes the examination, the examinee shall be entitled to receive from the Board a license to practice electrolysis for the remainder of that calendar year. Each license shall be signed by the chairperson of the Committee or ~~his~~ designee and the secretary-treasurer of the Board and shall bear the seal of the Board.

D. The Board may issue a license to an applicant from another state who has met the requirements established by the Registered Electrologist Act. ~~Such~~ The applicant to be licensed in this state shall provide proof of licensure in good standing in another state at the time of making application for licensure in this state.

E. The Board may establish continuing education requirements to facilitate the maintenance of current practice skills of all persons licensed pursuant to the Registered Electrologist Act.

F. The Board shall meet at least three ~~(3)~~ times per calendar year for the purpose of examining applicants for licensure and training, and transacting other business as may be necessary. ~~Such~~ The meetings shall be held at the office of the Board.

G. Every person licensed pursuant to the Registered Electrologist Act who desires to continue the practice of electrolysis shall annually, on or before the 31st day of December of each year, make application for renewal of ~~said~~ the license and shall pay fees established by the Board.

H. If any person fails to renew his or her license within thirty (30) days from the date same becomes due, the license of such person shall become inactive and, in order to have such license reinstated, it shall be necessary for such person to apply to the Board as provided in the Registered Electrologist Act and to meet the requirements established by the Board for reinstatement.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 493.1, is amended to read as follows

Section 493.1. A. An applicant to practice medicine and surgery in this state shall provide to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and attest to the following information and documentation in a manner required by the Board:

1. The applicant's full name and all aliases or other names ever used, current address, social security number and date and place of birth;

2. A signed and notarized photograph of the applicant, taken within the previous twelve (12) months;

3. Originals of all documents and credentials required by the Board, or notarized photocopies or other verification acceptable to the Board of such documents and credentials;

4. A list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in which the applicant is licensed or has applied for licensure to practice medicine and surgery or is authorized or has applied for authorization to practice medicine and surgery;

5. A list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in which the applicant has been denied licensure or authorization to practice medicine and surgery or has voluntarily surrendered a license or an authorization to practice medicine and surgery;

6. A list of all sanctions, judgments, awards, settlements, or convictions against the applicant in any jurisdiction, United States or foreign, that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act or the Board's rules;

7. A detailed educational history, including places, institutions, dates, and program descriptions, of all his or her education, including all college, preprofessional, professional, and professional graduate education;

8. A detailed chronological life history from age eighteen (18) years to the present, including places and dates of residence, employment, and military service (United States or foreign) and all professional degrees or licenses or certificates now or ever held; and

9. Any other information or documentation specifically requested by the Board that is related to the applicant's ability to practice medicine and surgery.

B. The applicant shall possess a valid degree of Doctor of Medicine from a medical college or school located in the United States, its territories or possessions, or Canada that was approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board at the time the degree was conferred. The application shall be considered by the Board based upon the product and process of the medical education and training.

C. The applicant shall have satisfactorily completed twelve (12) months of progressive postgraduate medical training approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board in an institution in the United States, its territories or possessions, or in programs in Canada, England, Scotland ~~or~~, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board.

D. The applicant shall submit a history from the Administration of the Medical School from which the applicant graduated of any suspension, probation, or disciplinary action taken against the applicant while a student at that institution.

E. The applicant shall have passed medical licensing examination(s) satisfactory to the Board.

F. The applicant shall have demonstrated a familiarity with all appropriate statutes and rules and regulations of this state and the federal government relating to the practice of medicine and surgery.

G. The applicant shall be physically, mentally, professionally, and morally capable of practicing medicine and surgery in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Board and in accordance with federal law and shall be required to submit to a physical, mental, or professional competency examination or a drug dependency evaluation if deemed necessary by the Board.

H. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act or rules of the Board. The Board may modify this restriction for cause.

I. Upon request by the Board, the applicant shall make a personal appearance before the Board or a representative thereof for interview, examination, or review of credentials. At the discretion of the Board, the applicant shall be required to present his or her original medical education credentials for inspection during the personal appearance.

J. The applicant shall be held responsible for verifying to the satisfaction of the Board the identity of the applicant and the validity of all credentials required for his or her medical licensure. The Board may review and verify medical credentials and screen applicant records through recognized national physician information services.

K. The applicant shall have paid all fees and completed and attested to the accuracy of all application and information forms required by the Board.

L. Grounds for the denial of a license shall include:

1. Use of false or fraudulent information by an applicant;

2. Suspension or revocation of a license in another state unless the license has been reinstated in that state;

3. Refusal of licensure in another state other than for examination failure; and

4. Multiple examination failures.

M. The Board shall not deny a license to a person otherwise qualified to practice allopathic medicine within the meaning of this act solely because the person's practice or a therapy is experimental or nontraditional.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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