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# HOUSE BILL NO. 550

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DERGES.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 334.035, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to assistant physicians.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 334.035, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 334.035 and 334.039, to read as follows:

334.035. Except as otherwise provided in section 334.036 **or 334.039**, every applicant for a permanent license as a physician and surgeon shall provide the board with satisfactory evidence of having successfully completed such postgraduate training in hospitals or medical or osteopathic colleges as the board may prescribe by rule.

**334.039. 1. An assistant physician with a license in good standing shall be eligible to become a licensed general practitioner if the assistant physician has completed:**

**(1) Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination or the equivalent of such step of any board-approved medical licensing examination in fewer than three attempts and within a seven-year period of completing Steps 1 and 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination;**

**(2) A total of sixty months of cumulative, postgraduate, hands-on, full-time, active collaborative practice. The sixty-month period shall begin on the date the assistant physician entered into a collaborative practice arrangement and began practicing. Any time the assistant physician was not working within a collaborative practice arrangement with a collaborating physician shall not count toward this requirement; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

12           **(3) At least one hundred hours of continuing medical education every two years**  
13 **during the sixty-month period of active collaborative practice described in subdivision (2)**  
14 **of this subsection.**

15           **2. During the sixty-month period of active collaborative practice described in**  
16 **subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, an assistant physician shall maintain a**  
17 **medical malpractice liability insurance policy with coverage equivalent to the coverage that**  
18 **a physician practicing in the same area or areas would normally obtain.**

19           **3. In order to meet the sixty-month collaborative practice requirement of**  
20 **subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, an assistant physician shall present a didactic**  
21 **training report every one hundred twenty days to the collaborating physician during the**  
22 **sixty-month period.**

23           **4. Upon an assistant physician's completion of the requirements of subdivisions (1)**  
24 **to (3) of subsection 1 of this section, the board shall issue to the assistant physician a license**  
25 **to practice as a physician.**

26           **5. Any assistant physician obtaining licensure as a physician under this section shall**  
27 **be fully licensed as a physician and shall be subject to all statutes and regulations**  
28 **pertaining to physicians.**

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