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**SENATE BILL 350**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS; AMENDING PROVISIONS OF  
THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT REGARDING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Section 61-6-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 269, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"61-6-13. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT. --**

**A. The board may grant a license without  
examination and by endorsement to an applicant who has been a  
licensed physician outside of New Mexico, but in the United  
States, and who otherwise meets the requirements set forth in  
the Medical Practice Act, provided that the applicant is  
properly endorsed by the officers of the examining board with  
jurisdiction.**

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1           B. The board may grant a license without  
2 examination and by endorsement to any applicant who has been a  
3 licensed physician in Canada and who otherwise meets the  
4 requirements set forth in the Medical Practice Act, provided  
5 that the applicant is properly endorsed by the officers of  
6 either the Canadian medical council or an examining board with  
7 jurisdiction within the United States.

8           C. The board may grant a license without  
9 examination and by endorsement to any applicant who has  
10 graduated from a medical college located outside the United  
11 States or Canada and who is of good moral character, who is in  
12 compliance with the United States immigration laws and who has  
13 been a licensed physician in the United States or Canada and  
14 has practiced medicine in the United States or Canada  
15 immediately preceding the application and who otherwise meets  
16 the requirements set forth in the Medical Practice Act,  
17 provided that the applicant is properly endorsed by the  
18 officers of the examining board within the United States or  
19 Canada that has jurisdiction.

20           D. An endorsement provided pursuant to this  
21 section shall certify that the applicant has passed an  
22 examination that meets with board approval and that the  
23 applicant is in good standing in that jurisdiction. In cases  
24 when the applicant is board certified, has not been the  
25 subject of disciplinary action that would be reportable to the

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1 national practitioner data bank or the healthcare integrity  
2 and protection data bank and has unusual skills and experience  
3 not generally available in this state, and patients residing  
4 in this state have a significant need for such skills and  
5 experience, the board may waive its regulations imposing time  
6 limits for examination completion that are different from  
7 those of the state where the applicant is licensed.

8 E. All applicants for licensure under this section  
9 shall personally appear before the board or a designated board  
10 member for an interview.

11 F. All applicants for licensure under this section  
12 shall pay an application fee as provided in Section 61-6-19  
13 NMSA 1978. "

14 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
15 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
16 immediately.