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HOUSE BILL 26-1307

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO MEDICAL
102 BOARD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING
103 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
104 AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 2025 SUNSET REPORT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - House Health and Human Services Committee. The bill implements recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies in its 2025 sunset review and report on the Colorado

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medical board (board). Specifically:

- **Sections 1 and 6** of the bill continue the board for 9 years to September 1, 2035;
- **Section 2** exempts from the practice of medicine for which a license is required an individual who is facilitating natural medicine services within the scope of a natural medicine facilitator license;
- **Section 3** changes the license renewal period for a distinguished foreign teaching physician from annual renewal to a renewal period determined by the board, so long as the physician is still serving on the academic staff of a medical school;
- **Section 4** authorizes the president of the board to serve as a full member of the board's licensing panel for licensing panel meetings; and
- **Section 5** authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2027, to issue an administrative license to a physician who provides certain services that are purely administrative in nature, such as research design and analysis and other roles that require a medical license, but that do not involve treating patients or prescribing medication. A physician with an administrative license is exempted from continuing medical education requirements.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-105, **amend**
3 (5) as follows:

4 **12-240-105. Colorado medical board - immunity - subject to**
5 **review - repeal of article.**

6 (5) This article 240 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2026~~ 2035.
7 Before the repeal, this article 240, including an analysis of physician
8 responsibilities related to recommendations for medical marijuana and the
9 provisions of section 25-1.5-106, ~~are~~ IS scheduled for review in
10 accordance with section 24-34-104.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-107, add
12 (3)(z) as follows:

1 **12-240-107. Practice of medicine defined - exemptions from**
2 **licensing requirements - unauthorized practice by physician**
3 **assistants and anesthesiologist assistants - penalties - definitions -**
4 **rules.**

5 (3) A person may engage in, and shall not be required to obtain a
6 license or a physician training license under this article 240 with respect
7 to, any of the following acts:

8 (z) THE FACILITATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES WITHIN
9 THE SCOPE OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE FACILITATOR LICENSE BY AN
10 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 170 OF THIS TITLE 12
11 TO PERFORM AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES.

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-111, **amend**
13 (2) and (3) as follows:

14 **12-240-111. Distinguished foreign teaching physician license**
15 **- qualifications - rules.**

16 (2) An applicant who meets the qualifications and conditions set
17 forth in subsection (1) of this section but is not offered the rank of
18 associate professor or higher may be granted a temporary license ~~for one~~
19 ~~year only~~, to practice medicine in this state as a member of the academic
20 faculty at the discretion of the board and in the manner determined by the
21 board. If the applicant is granted a temporary license, ~~he or she~~ THEY shall
22 practice only under the direct supervision of ~~a person~~ A MEMBER OF THE
23 ACADEMIC FACULTY who has the rank of associate professor or higher.

24 (3) A distinguished foreign teaching physician license is effective
25 and in force only while the holder is serving on the academic staff of a
26 medical school. The license ~~expires one year after the date of issuance~~
27 ~~and may be renewed annually~~ IS SUBJECT TO THE RENEWAL PROVISIONS

1 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-20-202 (1) AND MAY BE RENEWED only after the
2 board has specifically determined that the conditions specified in
3 subsection (1) or (2) of this section will continue during the ensuing
4 period of licensure. The board may require an applicant for licensure
5 under this section to present ~~himself or herself~~ THEMSELF to the board for
6 an interview. The board may withdraw licensure granted under this
7 section prior to the expiration of the license IF THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NO
8 LONGER SERVING ON THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL OR for
9 unprofessional conduct as defined in section 12-240-121.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-116, **add**
11 (1)(d) as follows:

12 **12-240-116. Licensing panel.**

13 (1) (d) THE PRESIDENT MAY SERVE AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE
14 LICENSING PANEL AT LICENSING PANEL MEETINGS.

15 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-240-119.5 as
16 follows:

17 **12-240-119.5. Administrative license - qualifications -**
18 **exemption from continuing medical education requirements - board**
19 **rules.**

20 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 240, ON
21 AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE TO A PHYSICIAN AN
22 ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE THAT LIMITS THE PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL
23 PRACTICE TO ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES, AS DESCRIBED IN
24 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE PHYSICIAN:

25 (a) HOLDS OR HELD AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE TO PRACTICE
26 MEDICINE IN THIS STATE OR MEETS ANY OTHER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
27 AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE;

1 (b) PAYS THE FEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-105;

2 AND

3 (c) SATISFIES ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE
4 BOARD BY RULE OR STIPULATION.

5 (2) SUBJECT TO THE PROHIBITIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF
6 THIS SECTION, A PHYSICIAN HOLDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE MAY:

7 (a) ENGAGE IN EVIDENCE-BASED PROTOCOL DESIGN;

8 (b) PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO QUALITY
9 MANAGEMENT;

10 (c) DEVELOP PATIENT SAFETY PROTOCOLS;

11 (d) DESIGN OR ANALYZE RESEARCH; OR

12 (e) ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER ACTIVITY APPROVED BY THE BOARD BY
13 RULE OR STIPULATION.

14 (3) A PHYSICIAN PRACTICING UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE
15 IS PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN NONADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF
16 MEDICAL PRACTICE, INCLUDING:

17 (a) PATIENT CONTACT, INCLUDING THE ASSESSMENT OF A
18 PATIENT'S MEDICAL HISTORY OR CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITION OR THE
19 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF A PATIENT;

20 (b) DEVELOPING PATIENT TREATMENT PLANS OR TREATING A
21 PATIENT;

22 (c) ORDERING TESTS;

23 (d) PRESCRIBING; AND

24 (e) ENGAGING IN ANY OTHER NONADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES,
25 UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD BY RULE OR STIPULATION.

26 (4) AN ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS
27 SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE RENEWAL, REINSTATEMENT, AND

1 REACTIVATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-240-130.

2 (5) A HOLDER OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED
3 TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS SET
4 FORTH IN SECTION 12-240-130.5.

5 (6) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY TO
6 ADMINISTER THE ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE AND TO REGULATE
7 ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE UNDER THE LICENSE.

8 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
9 (27)(a)(XIV); and **add** (36)(a)(VII) as follows:

10 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
11 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
12 **declaration - repeal.**

13 (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
14 for repeal on September 1, 2026:

15 (XIV) ~~The Colorado medical board created in article 240 of title~~
16 ~~12;~~

17 (36) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
18 for repeal on September 1, 2035:

19 (VII) THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD CREATED IN ARTICLE 240
20 OF TITLE 12.

21 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.