HB360

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RFD: Health

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, any individual seeking an expedited license to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state must submit to a criminal background check, but the term "expedited license" is not defined.

This bill would define "expedited license."

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to licensure of physicians; to amend Section 34-24-50.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-233 of the 2023 Regular Session, to define "expedited license" for purposes of criminal background checks of applicants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-24-50.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-233 of the 2023 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-24-50.1

Unless otherwise indicated from the context, the terms set out below as used in Articles 3, 8, 9, and 10 of this chapter have the following meanings:

(1) BOARD. The State Board of Medical Examiners.

(2) DOCTOR. Both doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy.

(3) EXPEDITED LICENSE. A license to practice medicine, a certificate of qualification, a certification of eligibility for a license to practice medicine, or a certification of eligibility for a certificate of qualification that is issued in an accelerated manner.

~~(3)~~ (4) LEGEND DRUG. Any drug, medicine, chemical, or poison, bearing on the label the words, "Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without a prescription" or similar words indicating that the drug, medicine, chemical, or poison may be sold or dispensed only upon the prescription of a licensed medical practitioner, except that the term legend drug shall not include any drug, substance, or compound that is listed in Schedules I through V of the Alabama Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

~~(4)~~ (5) LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE. Both the practice of medicine by a doctor of medicine or the practice of osteopathy by a doctor of osteopathy.

~~(5)~~ (6) PHYSICIAN. Either a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2024.