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House Bill 4994 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Artina Tinsley Hardman
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide that, until January 1, 2004, a health professional licensed to practice in Canada could be granted a license in Michigan, after meeting certain requirements.

Under the Code, to obtain an appropriate license, registration, or specialty certification in Michigan, a health professional from another state must apply to the relevant health professional board or task force in Michigan, and must satisfy certain requirements. An applicant must be licensed, registered, or certified in another state that maintains standards substantially equivalent to those of Michigan.

Under the bill, until January 1, 2004, an applicant who was licensed to practice in Canada would have to be licensed in a province that maintained standards substantially equivalent to those of Michigan. The applicant also would have to have completed the educational requirements for licensure in Canada or the United States, and would have to perform the professional services for which he or she billed in Michigan. Any resulting request for third party reimbursement would have to originate from the applicant's place of employment in Michigan.

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FISCAL IMPACT

If the bill were to encourage increased applications for Michigan licenses by Canadian health professionals, license application revenue received by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services could increase; however, the amount of impact is unknown. The bill would have no impact on local government.

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