

Legislative Analysis



REVISIONS TO CANADIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECIPROCITY

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Senate Bill 416 (S-2) as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services
Complete to 6-16-21

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 416 would amend the Public Health Code to provide that a health professional who is licensed in Canada and seeking to be licensed, registered, or certified in Michigan must have taken and passed the applicable examination. (Currently, the code states that the individual must take and pass the examination.) According to testimony in the Senate Health and Human Services committee on May 27, 2021, this change addresses a concern that the present tense of the verbs would require licensed Canadian health professionals to re-take the applicable examinations.

Additionally, the bill provides that, until the appropriate licensing board promulgates rules to implement the reciprocity provision, a Canadian applicant who has taken and passed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Parts I and II would be considered to have taken and passed a Canadian national examination approved by the appropriate licensing board.

MCL 333.16186

BACKGROUND:

This section of the code was last amended by 2020 PA 329,¹ which removed a sunset (expiration date), thereby allowing licensed Canadian health professionals to be licensed, registered, or certified in Michigan if they meet the education, examination, and billing requirements in Michigan law. The endorsement procedure was introduced in 2002 and extended in 2006, but allowed to expire in 2012. The 2020 bill reinstated the reciprocity provision.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 416 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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¹ 2020 PA 329/SB 1021: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billanalysis/House/pdf/2019-HLA-1021-9AB1D5F3.pdf>