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Senate Bill 416 (Substitute S-2 as passed by the Senate)

Sponsor: Senator Wayne Schmidt

Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code to modify reciprocity requirements for a health professional who is licensed in a province in Canada.

Section 16186 of the Code allows an individual who is licensed to practice a health profession in another state or in a province of Canada, who is registered in another state, or who holds a health profession specialty field license or specialty certification from another state and who applies for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license in Michigan may be granted an appropriate license or registration or specialty certification or health profession specialty field license upon satisfying the board or task force to which the applicant applies as to all of the following:

- The applicant substantially meets the requirements of Article 15 and rules promulgated under Article 15 for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license.
- The applicant is licensed, registered, specialty certified, or specialty licensed in another state or is licensed in a province in Canada that maintains standards substantially equivalent to those of Michigan.
- If the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, the applicant completed the educational requirements in Canada or in the US for licensure in Canada or the US.
- If the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, that the applicant will perform the professional services for which he or she bills in Michigan, and that any resulting request for third-party reimbursement will originate from the applicant's place of employment in this state.

An applicant who is licensed in a province in Canada, completed the educational requirements in Canada or the US for licensure in either country, and who takes and passes a national examination in the US that is approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, or who takes and passes a Canadian national examination approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, is considered to have met the equivalent standards requirement described above. The bill would refer to *has taken and passed* instead of takes and passes.

Additionally, under the bill, until the appropriate licensing board promulgated rules to implement Section 16186, an applicant described in the previous paragraph who had 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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