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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to foreign-licensed physicians;  
 3           amending s. 458.311, F.S.; providing an alternative to  
 4           approved residency requirement for foreign-trained  
 5           physicians; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1.   A new subsection (3) is added to section  
 10 458.311, Florida Statutes, and current subsections (3) through  
 11 (8) and renumber accordingly to read:

12           458.311 Licensure by examination; requirements; fees.—

13           (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-subparagraph  
 14 (1)(f)2.c. and (1)(f)3.c., a graduate of a foreign medical  
 15 school need not complete an approved residency if the graduate:

16           (a) Holds an active, unencumbered license to practice  
 17 medicine in a foreign country.

18           (b) Has actively practiced medicine in the 4 years  
 19 preceding the date of the submission of the application.

20           (c) Has completed a residency or substantially similar  
 21 postgraduate medical training in a country recognized by his or  
 22 her licensing jurisdiction or has practiced medicine in his or  
 23 her licensing jurisdiction for at least 5 years.

24           (d) Has an offer for employment as a physician for a health  
 25 care provider that operates in this state.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.