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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/5/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

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 2/4/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Erickson, Bradley

 2/12/2025 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 8)

 2/13/2025 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 57)

 2/13/2025 House Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 57)

 2/13/2025 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal‑page 57)

 2/18/2025 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 2/18/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** (Senate Journal‑page 7)

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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Committee Report

February 12, 2025

H. 3254

Introduced by Reps. W. Newton, Erickson and Bradley

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Read the first time January 14, 2025

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The committee on House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3254) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 40-47-32, relating to special examinations and related criteria required of applicants for permanent, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

S.H. DAVIS for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill allows the Board of Medical Examiners to waive an additional examination requirement for certain applicants who possess the general medical knowledge required to competently practice medicine. In making this determination, the board must make findings of fact concerning the education and experience of the applicant.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or the Board of Medical Examiners as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities will be managed within existing appropriations.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-32, RELATING TO SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS AND RELATED CRITERIA REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY WAIVE CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOUND TO POSSESS THE GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO COMPETENTLY PRACTICE MEDICINE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40-47-32(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (E)(1) The additional examination required pursuant to subsection (D) must be waived if the applicant is to practice in a position within the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, or the Disability Determination Services Unit of the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation. A license issued pursuant to this waiver is immediately invalid if the individual leaves that position or acts outside the scope of employment within the department. A change in agency may be approved upon presentation to the board of a copy of a contract in which the individual has been offered a position within the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, or the Disability Determination Services Unit of the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation.

 (2) The additional examination required pursuant to subsection (D) may be waived if the board determines the applicant possesses the requisite general medical knowledge to competently practice medicine. In making this determination, the board shall make findings of fact concerning the education and experience of the applicant.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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