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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, any individual seeking an expedited license to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state must submit to a criminal background check, but the term "expedited license" is not defined.

This bill would define "expedited license."

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to licensure of physicians; to amend Section 34-24-50.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-233 of the 2023 Regular Session, to define "expedited license" for purposes of criminal background checks of applicants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-24-50.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-233 of the 2023 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-24-50.1

Unless otherwise indicated from the context, the terms set out below as used in Articles 3, 8, 9, and 10 of this chapter have the following meanings:



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29 (1) BOARD. The State Board of Medical Examiners.

30 (2) DOCTOR. Both doctors of medicine and doctors of
31 osteopathy.

32 (3) EXPEDITED LICENSE. A license to practice medicine,
33 a certificate of qualification, a certification of eligibility
34 for a license to practice medicine, or a certification of
35 eligibility for a certificate of qualification that is issued
36 in an accelerated manner.

37 ~~(3)~~ (4) LEGEND DRUG. Any drug, medicine, chemical, or
38 poison, bearing on the label the words, "Caution: Federal Law
39 prohibits dispensing without a prescription" or similar words
40 indicating that the drug, medicine, chemical, or poison may be
41 sold or dispensed only upon the prescription of a licensed
42 medical practitioner, except that the term legend drug shall
43 not include any drug, substance, or compound that is listed in
44 Schedules I through V of the Alabama Uniform Controlled
45 Substances Act.

46 ~~(4)~~ (5) LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE. Both the practice
47 of medicine by a doctor of medicine or the practice of
48 osteopathy by a doctor of osteopathy.

49 ~~(5)~~ (6) PHYSICIAN. Either a doctor of medicine or a
50 doctor of osteopathy."

51 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
52 2024.