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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5465

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5465 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Task
5 Force on Internationally-Licensed Health Care Professionals
6 Act.

7 Section 5. Purpose. The Task Force on
8 Internationally-Licensed Health Care Professionals is created
9 within the Department of Financial and Professional
10 Regulation. The Task Force shall aim to:

11 (1) remove barriers to licensure and practice for
12 health care professionals licensed and practicing in other
13 countries to get licensed and practice in the State;

14 (2) address the health care workforce shortage in the
15 State by increasing the supply of culturally competent
16 physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals;

1 and

2 (3) protect the safety of patients and the broader
3 public.

4 Section 10. Membership; appointment; vacancy; meeting;
5 support.

6 (a) The Task Force shall have the following members:

7 (1) the Secretary of Financial and Professional
8 Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (2) the Director of the Division of Professional
10 Regulation, or the Director's designee;

11 (3) the Chief Medical Coordinator of the Division of
12 Professional Regulation;

13 (4) the Nursing Coordinator of the Division of
14 Professional Regulation;

15 (5) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or
16 the Speaker's designee;

17 (6) the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives, or the Leader's designee;

19 (7) the President of the Senate, or the President's
20 designee;

21 (8) the Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Leader's
22 designee;

23 (9) two representatives of an organization that seek
24 to eliminate employment barriers and advance the skills
25 for immigrant professionals appointed by the Secretary;

1 (10) a representative of an organization that recruits
2 immigrants and foreign students to work in health related
3 areas; focusing on raising the awareness of social,
4 political, and economic issues faced related to immigrant
5 health appointed by the Secretary; and

6 (11) a representative of an organization that seeks to
7 increase the number of internationally educated medical
8 professionals for practice within diverse communities
9 appointed by the Secretary.

10 (b) If a vacancy occurs in the Task Force, the vacancy
11 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment
12 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

13 (c) The Task Force shall meet once every 2 months,
14 indefinitely, until the Task Force votes to dissolve itself.
15 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Task Force from
16 meeting more often if it deems it necessary to do so.

17 (d) The Department shall provide administrative support to
18 the Task Force.

19 (e) The Task Force shall only meet once a majority of
20 members are appointed.

21 (f) The Secretary of Financial and Professional
22 Regulation, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the chair of
23 the Task Force.

24 Section 15. Subject matter of the Task Force. The subject
25 matter of the Task Force is intended to:

1 (1) address health care professionals, broadly defined
2 to include physicians and nurses, but also include other
3 professionals as the need arises;

4 (2) be focused on professionals who are already
5 licensed and practicing in another country and are seeking
6 licensure in the State; and

7 (3) not include students.

8 Section 20. Report.

9 (a) The Task Force shall prepare an annual report that
10 summarizes its work and makes recommendations resulting from
11 its study.

12 (b) The report shall address barriers to licensure and
13 practice for health care professionals in the State in
14 professions to be determined by the Task Force. The Task Force
15 shall address strategies for reducing barriers to licensure
16 and practice for internationally-licensed health care
17 professionals.

18 (c) The Task Force shall submit the report of its findings
19 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

20 (d) The Task Force shall submit the first report one year
21 after the first meeting of the Task Force.".