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# **Physician Shortage Solution** Kentucky's Proposed Pathway for Internationally-Licensed

**Doctors to Practice in the United States** 



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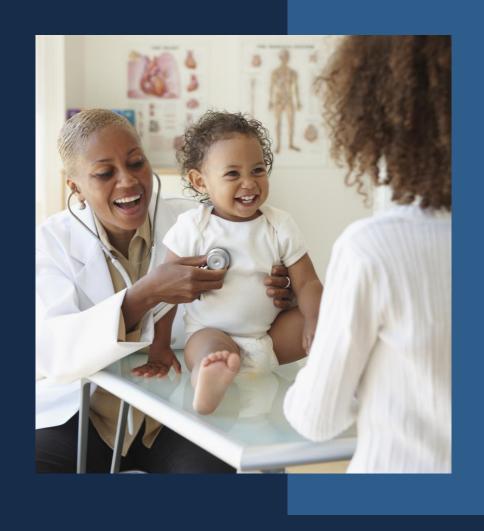
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# **Doctor Shortage Facts**



40% of Doctors hit Retirement Age by 2030











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### Sakari Orava

#### Sports Medicine Orthopedic Surgeon

- Born 1945, Kokkola, Finland
- Lives and practices in Turku, Finland

#### 25,000 career operations

#### **Athletes Treated**

- David Beckham
- Didier Deschamps
- Team Finland doctor at four Olympics
- Saku Koivu

#### Foreign Practice in

- Rome
- Barcelona

# **Residency: The Missing Piece**





# Kentucky HB 574

Allow otherwise qualified internationally-licensed doctors to practice without repeating residency.





# **Give International Physicians a Pathway to Full License**



Sponsorship by Licensed Healthcare Provider in State



<sup>7</sup> 3-Year Provisional License While Employed by Sponsoring Entity



Automatic Conversion to Full License After 3 Years



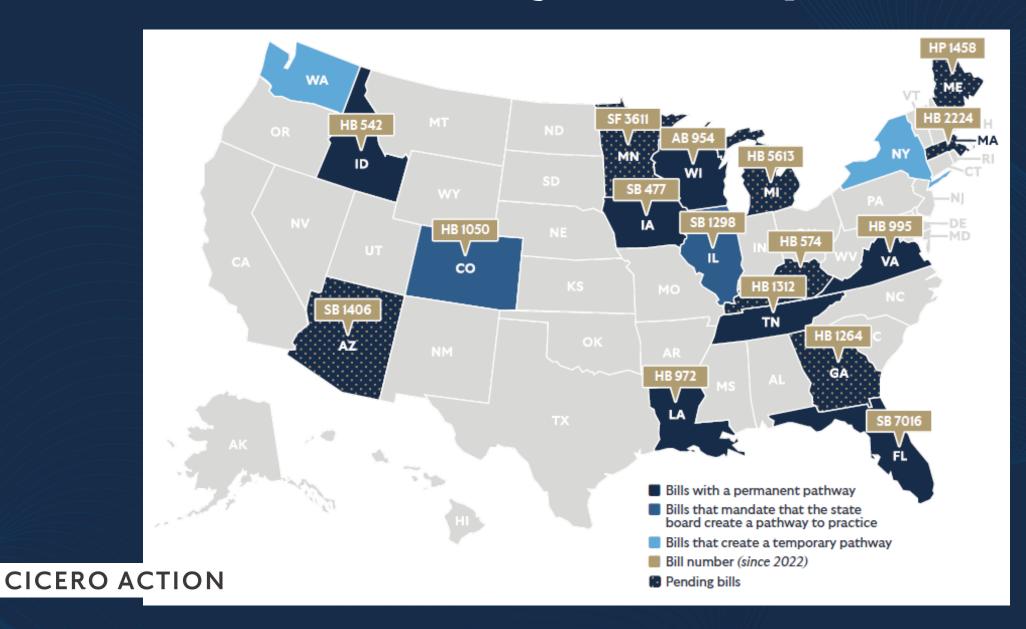
### Similar/Equivalent Training and Experience



- Medical School (Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates Certified)
- Residency or equivalent
- 5 years post-residency license + practice
- Pass USMLE
- English language proficiency



# **Recent Licensing Pathway Reforms**



### International Training Has Long Been Recognized



#### International Medical Graduates (IMG):

- 25% of practicing physicians today
- More likely primary care
- More likely in underserved areas
- Better or equal patient outcomes

Academically Equal
or Superior:

- More advanced degrees
- Higher scholarly production
- Higher USMLE scores
- Outperform on In-Training Examination in Internal Medicine



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