



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2948

Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Theresa Mah

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2105/2105-405 new

Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to assist international applicants in meeting the foreign education requirements for those licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the duties of the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants would include: (i) answering questions about meeting foreign education requirements; (ii) assisting international applicants in successful completion of the application forms; (iii) coordinating with personnel of the Department in processing the applications; and (iv) providing direction to community organizations that assist international applicants.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law
5 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 adding Section 2105-405 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-405 new)

8 Sec. 2105-405. Office of the Ombudsman for International
9 Applicants.

10 (a) The Office of the Ombudsman for International
11 Applicants is created in the Department to assist
12 international applicants in meeting the foreign education
13 requirements for those licensed under the Medical Practice Act
14 of 1987 and the Nurse Practice Act.

15 (b) The duties of the Office of the Ombudsman for
16 International Applicants would include: (i) answering
17 questions about meeting foreign education requirements; (ii)
18 assisting international applicants in successful completion of
19 the application forms; (iii) coordinating with personnel of
20 the Department in processing the applications; and (iv)
21 providing direction to community organizations that assist
22 international applicants.