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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 373

Short Title: Physician Interns and Residents

Summary:

- Extends residency and internship permits issued by the State Medical Board from 18 months to 36 months for residents participating in the Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WAMI) Family Practice Residency program.

Benefits:

- Participants in the program will no longer have their training and patient care interrupted by a burdensome application-renewal process.

Background:

Because Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho have no medical universities, the WAMI program groups these states and their students for medical training. All participants in the WAMI/Family Practice Residency program (a 36-month program) must receive initial and renewal permits from the State Medical Board for 18-month periods. A cumbersome renewal process forces many residents to interrupt their training and patient service. The bill is supported by the Alaska State Medical Association, the State Medical Board and the Division of Occupational Licensing.