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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health occupations; modifying the time period in which applicants
1.3 applying for a license to practice medicine must take and pass the United States
1.4 Medical Licensing Examination; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.5 147.02, by adding a subdivision.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 147.02, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 1b. Examination extension; medical reasons. The board may grant an
1.10 extension to the time period and to the number of attempts permitted to pass the United
1.11 States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph
1.12 (c), clause (2), if an applicant has been diagnosed with a medical illness during the process
1.13 of taking the USMLE but before passage of all steps, or fails to pass a step within three
1.14 attempts due to the applicant's medical illness. Proof of the medical illness must be
1.15 submitted to the board on forms and according to the timelines of the board.