

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 1998

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## AN ACT

To amend the Higher education Act of 1965 with respect  
to the qualifications of foreign schools.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FOREIGN SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a)(2)(A) of the High-  
 3 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(2)(A)) is  
 4 amended to read as follows:

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
 6 qualifying as an institution under paragraph  
 7 (1)(C), the Secretary shall establish criteria by  
 8 regulation for the approval of institutions out-  
 9 side the United States and for the determina-  
 10 tion that such institutions are comparable to an  
 11 institution of higher education as defined in  
 12 section 101 (except that a graduate medical  
 13 school, or a veterinary school, located outside  
 14 the United States shall not be required to meet  
 15 the requirements of section 101(a)(4)). Such  
 16 criteria shall include a requirement that a stu-  
 17 dent attending such school outside the United  
 18 States is ineligible for loans made, insured, or  
 19 guaranteed under part B of title IV unless—

20 “(i) in the case of a graduate medical  
 21 school located outside the United States—

22 “(I)(aa) at least 60 percent of  
 23 those enrolled in, and at least 60 per-  
 24 cent of the graduates of, the graduate  
 25 medical school outside the United  
 26 States were not persons described in

1 section 484(a)(5) in the year pre-  
2 ceding the year for which a student is  
3 seeking a loan under part B of title  
4 IV; and

5 “(bb) at least 60 percent of the  
6 individuals who were students or  
7 graduates of the graduate medical  
8 school outside the United States or  
9 Canada (both nationals of the United  
10 States and others) taking the exami-  
11 nations administered by the Edu-  
12 cational Commission for Foreign Med-  
13 ical Graduates received a passing  
14 score in the year preceding the year  
15 for which a student is seeking a loan  
16 under part B of title IV; or

17 “(II) the institution has a clinical  
18 training program that was approved  
19 by a State as of January 1, 1992; or

20 “(ii) in the case of a veterinary school  
21 located outside the United States that does  
22 not meet the requirements of section  
23 101(a)(4), the institution’s students com-  
24 plete their clinical training at an approved

1                   veterinary school located in the United  
2                   States.”.

3           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amend-  
4 ments made by this Act shall be effective as if enacted  
5 on October 1, 1998.

Passed the Senate October 17, 2002.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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