

**[ PRC BOARD OF MEDICINE RESOLUTION NO. 26-98, May 25, 1998 ]**

**NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ONE-YEAR REFRESHER COURSE FOR EXAMINEES WHO FAILED THREE TIMES IN PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR TAKING SUBSEQUENT PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 21, Article III of Republic Act No. 2382, as amended, otherwise known as the "Medical Act of 1959" provides, among others, that "a candidate who fails for the third time in the complete or final examinations will be required to take a refresher course prescribed by the Board of Medicine of at least one (1) year in a recognized medical school or college before he could be allowed to take subsequent examinations."

WHEREAS, the Board of Medicine issued Board Resolution No. 153, Series of 1990 providing for a refresher course for examinees who failed three (3) times in physician licensure examinations in accordance with the above-quoted provisions of Section 21 of the Medical Act of 1959, as amended, but the refresher course was administered by an institution which is not a recognized school or college of medicine.

WHEREAS, the Board of Medicine after consultations with the deans of the various schools and colleges of medicine, deems it necessary to adopt new guidelines for the implementation of the one-year refresher course for examinees who failed three times in physician licensure examinations.

WHEREFORE, the Board RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to require examinees who failed three (3) times in physician licensure examinations to take a refresher course of at least one year in a recognized school or college of medicine before they could be allowed to take subsequent physician licensure examinations in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Examinees who failed three (3) times in physician licensure examinations and who obtained failing grade or grades in any subject or subjects in three complete or final examinations shall be required to enroll in the subject or subjects in which they failed in the said examinations in a recognized medical school or college.
2. Examinees who failed three (3) times in physician licensure examinations but who obtained passing grades three times in any subject or subjects in three complete or final examinations shall not be required to enroll in the said subject or subjects.
3. The deans of recognized schools or colleges of medicine shall accommodate for enrollment examinees who fall under No. 1 above to take a refresher course for at least one year in the said schools or colleges of medicine as provided in Section 21