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H.B. No. 471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a physician's license to an applicant licensed as a physician in another state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.012. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE TO PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the board shall issue an unrestricted license under this chapter to an applicant who is licensed in good standing as a physician in another state and who satisfies the requirements of this section.

(b) The board may not issue a license under this section to an applicant who:

(1) has had a medical license suspended or revoked by another state or a Canadian province; or

(2) holds a medical license issued by another state or a Canadian province that is subject to a restriction, disciplinary order, or probationary order.

(c) An applicant under this section must:

(1) have passed a national or other examination recognized by the board relating to the practice of medicine within the number of attempts allowed under Section 155.056 or 155.0561, as applicable; and

(2) submit information to enable the board to conduct

1 a criminal background check as required by the board.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to an applicant for a physician license who submits an application
4 on or after January 1, 2022.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.