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S.B. No. 1414

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the time frame for passing certain licensing
3 examinations for applicants seeking a license to practice medicine.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 155.051(b), Occupations Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) An applicant who is a graduate of a program designed to
8 lead to both a doctor of philosophy degree and a doctor of medicine
9 degree or doctor of osteopathy degree must pass each part of an
10 examination described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7)
11 not later than the earlier of the second anniversary of the date the
12 applicant completed all [the] graduate medical training undertaken
13 by the applicant, including internship, residency, and fellowship,
14 or the 12th anniversary of the date the applicant began the graduate
15 medical training [described by Section 155.003(a)(5)].

16 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
17 of this Act, the Texas Medical Board shall adopt rules necessary to
18 implement Section 155.051, Occupations Code, as amended by this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 3. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, as amended by
21 this Act, applies to an application for a license to practice
22 medicine issued under Chapter 155, Occupations Code, regardless of
23 whether the application is submitted before, on, or after the
24 effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.