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S.B. No. 1414

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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