

Amend CSHB 599 as follows:

(1) Insert a new SECTION 8 to read as follows:

"SECTION 8. Subchapter B, Chapter 82, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 82.0242 to read as follows:

Sec. 82.0242. LAW STUDY REQUIREMENT; CERTAIN STUDENTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the law study requirement for taking the examination for a license to practice law is satisfied and a person is [eligible to take the bar examination if the person has pursued the study of law in an approved law school or schools by satisfying all requirements for graduation with a J. D. degree or its equivalent, except for not more than 12 semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours.]

(b) Any person qualifying to take the bar examination under Subsection (a) shall not be licensed to practice law until graduation or satisfaction of all requirements for graduation.

(c) If any person under Subsection (a) has not graduated with a J. D. degree or satisfied all requirements for graduation within two years from the date that all parts of the bar examination are satisfactorily completed, the person's examination scores shall be void.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2004."

(2) Renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.