

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 842
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law includes antiquated requirements for a licensed out-of-state chiropractor to obtain a provisional license in Texas. For example, the Texas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) no longer administers a state board exam. Instead, TBCE now requires successful completion of the national board exams prior to application for a license in Texas, in lieu of the state-administered exam. This bill repeals the antiquated requirements to enable a licensed out-of-state chiropractor to be licensed in Texas upon meeting certain requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners in SECTION 1 (Section 201.309, Occupations Code) of this bill.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.309, Occupations Code, as follows:

Sec. 201.309. New heading: LICENSE ISSUANCE TO CERTAIN OUT OF STATE APPLICANTS. Requires the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) to issue a license to practice chiropractic to an out of state applicant who meets certain qualifications. Adds certain required qualifications and deletes some previous requirements from existing text.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 201.153(b), Occupations Code, to provide that the fee for issuance of a license to an out-of-state applicant is \$200.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 201.310, Occupations Code (Issuance of License to Provisional License Holder).

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003. Makes application of this Act prospective.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.