

By: Branch

H.B. No. 2495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the deadline for passing the examination for a license to practice medicine in this state.

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

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

Sec. 155.051. EXAMINATION REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), an applicant for a license to practice medicine in this state must pass each part of an examination described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7) within 10 [~~seven~~] years.

(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 second anniversary of the date the applicant completed the graduate medical training described by Section 155.003(a)(5) [~~was awarded a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of osteopathy degree~~].

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a person who files an application with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners for a license to practice medicine in this state on or after the effective date of this Act or whose license application is pending on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.