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H.B. No. 2800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to amending the Medical Practice Act of Texas concerning
3 reexaminations.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 155.056, Occupations code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) An applicant must pass ~~[each part of]~~ an examination
8 administered or required. ~~[within three attempts, except that an~~
9 ~~applicant who has passed all but one part of an examination within~~
10 ~~three attempts may take the remaining part of the examination one~~
11 ~~additional time.]~~

12 (b) ~~[Notwithstanding subsection (a), an applicant is~~
13 ~~considered to have satisfied the requirements of this section if~~
14 ~~the applicant.]~~ The board may by rule limit the number of attempts
15 an applicant may take the required exam before passing. However,
16 the board must consider an applicant to have satisfied all
17 requirements of this section if the applicant:

18 (1) passed all but one part of an examination within
19 three attempts may take the remaining part of the examination one
20 additional time; or

21 ~~[±]~~ (2) has passed all but one part of an examination
22 approved by the board within three attempts and passed the
23 remaining part of the examination within five attempts ~~[+]~~ and
24 ~~[complete]~~ completes in this state an additional two years of

1 post-graduate medical training approved by the board; or

2 ~~[2]~~ (3) is specialty board certified by a specialty
3 board that:

4 (A) is a member of the American Board of Medical
5 Specialties; ~~[or]~~

6 (B) is approved by the American Osteopathic
7 Association; ~~[and]~~ or

8 (C) is specialty board certified by a specialty
9 board that is approved by the board.

10 Section 2. This act shall be given retroactive application.

11 Section 3. The importance of this legislation and the
12 crowded condition of the calenders in both houses create an
13 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
14 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
15 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
16 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
17 passage, and it is so enacted.