

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 787
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2003; March 5, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; May 7, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the deadline for passing the examination for a license
1-9 to practice medicine in this state.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 155.051. EXAMINATION REQUIRED. (a) Except as
1-14 provided by Subsection (b), an applicant for a license to practice
1-15 medicine in this state must pass each part of an examination
1-16 described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7) within 10
1-17 [~~seven~~] years.

1-18 (b) An applicant who is a graduate of a program designed to
1-19 lead to both a doctor of philosophy degree and a doctor of medicine
1-20 degree or doctor of osteopathy degree must pass each part of an
1-21 examination described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7)
1-22 not later than the second anniversary of the date the applicant
1-23 completed the graduate medical training described by Section
1-24 155.003(a)(5) [~~was awarded a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of~~
1-25 ~~osteopathy degree~~].

1-26 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
1-27 person who files an application with the Texas State Board of
1-28 Medical Examiners for a license to practice medicine in this state
1-29 on or after the effective date of this Act or whose license
1-30 application is pending on the effective date of this Act.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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