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S.B. No. 788

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain graduates of foreign medical schools for a license to practice medicine.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.0045. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN GRADUATES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS HAVING SPECIAL EXPERTISE. (a) An applicant who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside of the United States and Canada and whose curriculum meets the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is eligible for a license under this chapter if the applicant:

(1) holds a valid certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates;

(2) is fully trained in and practices a subspecialty of medicine under an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the country in which the applicant resides;

(3) has successfully completed at least one year of an approved fellowship accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; and

(4) passes the Texas medical jurisprudence examination.

(b) An application under this section must be made on behalf

1 of the applicant by the chairman of the department in which the  
2 applicant completed the fellowship described by Subsection (a)(3).  
3 The application must be completed on a form prescribed by the board  
4 and must include or be accompanied by the information and  
5 documentation required by the board, including the chairman's  
6 recommendation to the board regarding the applicant.

7 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

8 (b) The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners shall adopt  
9 rules and prescribe forms necessary to implement the requirements  
10 of Section 155.0045, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not  
11 later than March 1, 2004.