

By: Branch

H.B. No. 567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the deadline for passing the examination for a license
3 to practice medicine in this state.

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

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

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

11 (b) An applicant who is a graduate of a program designed to
12 lead to both a doctor of philosophy degree and a doctor of medicine
13 degree or doctor of osteopathy degree must pass each part of an
14 examination described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7)
15 not later than the second anniversary of the date the applicant
16 completed the graduate medical training described by Section
17 155.003(a)(5) [~~was awarded a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of~~
18 ~~osteopathy degree~~].

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

24 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, 2005.