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H.B. No. 2066

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for obtaining a veterinarian's license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 801.252, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 801.252. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. The board shall issue a license to a person who is qualified to be licensed under this chapter. A person is qualified to be licensed if:

(1) the person has attained the age of majority;

(2) the person:

(A) is a graduate of a board-approved school or college of veterinary medicine located in the United States or Canada; or

(B) has obtained a certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association;

(3) the person successfully completes the licensing examination conducted by the board; and

(4) the board does not refuse to issue a license to the person under Section 801.401.

SECTION 2. Section 801.256(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An applicant is eligible for a special license if:

1 (1) the applicant:

2 (A) is at least 21 years of age and a graduate of
3 a board-approved veterinary medicine program at an institution of
4 higher education located in the United States or Canada; or

5 (B) provides to the board a written affirmation
6 by a person described under Subsection (f) that the applicant meets
7 a critical need for staffing at the person's institution and is
8 certified by a nationally recognized veterinary speciality board or
9 is eligible for that certification; and

10 (2) the applicant passes the jurisprudence section of
11 the licensing examination.

12 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to an application for a license under Section 801.252 or 801.256,
14 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, that is filed on or after
15 the effective date of this Act. An application under those sections
16 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
17 in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law
18 is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.