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H.B. No. 2238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to license application procedures for pharmacy applicants.

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

SECTION 1. Section 554.003, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 554.003. PROCEDURES. (a) The board by rule shall specify in accordance with this section:

(1) the licensing procedures to be followed, including specification of forms to be used, in applying for a pharmacy license; and

(2) fees for filing an application for a pharmacy license.

(b) Not later than the 20th day after the date a license application is submitted to the board under this chapter, the board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any deficiency in the applicant's qualifications or credentials related to obtaining a pharmacy license under this subtitle or with regard to a facility regulated under this subtitle.

(c) The board shall place in the file of each applicant applying for a pharmacy license written documentation of:

(1) the investigation process conducted by the board on the application;

(2) all information regarding the applicant or related

1 to the applicant's application that is shared by the board with any  
2 other state or federal agency; and

3 (3) any assistance with respect to the application  
4 provided by a state or federal agency to the board as part of the  
5 application process.

6 (d) On request by the applicant, the board shall provide to  
7 the applicant, in a timely manner, a copy of the information placed  
8 in the applicant's file under Subsection (c) or as required by board  
9 rule.

10 SECTION 2. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt the  
11 rules and procedures required by Section 554.003, Occupations Code,  
12 as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2006.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.