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H.B. No. 2888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the licensing examination for stewards or judges  
3 licensed by the Texas Racing Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3.07(c), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e,  
6 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The commission shall require each steward or judge to  
8 take and pass both an [~~a written~~] examination regarding the  
9 steward's or judge's authority and duties and a medical examination  
10 annually. The commission by rule shall prescribe the methods and  
11 procedures for taking the examinations and the standards for  
12 passing. In prescribing the methods and procedures, the commission  
13 must provide a steward or judge the opportunity to elect to take the  
14 examination regarding the steward's or judge's authority and duties  
15 in English or Spanish and orally or in writing. Failure to pass an  
16 examination is a ground for refusal to issue an original or renewal  
17 license to a steward or judge or for suspension or revocation of  
18 such a license.

19 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Racing Commission shall adopt the  
20 rules necessary to implement Section 3.07(c), Texas Racing Act  
21 (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this  
22 Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.  
23 For that purpose, the commission may adopt the rules before January  
24 1, 2006, in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

1           (b) The Texas Racing Commission may, but is not required to,  
2 offer an examination in Spanish or orally, as provided by Section  
3 3.07(c), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil  
4 Statutes), as amended by this Act, before January 1, 2006.

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