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S.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) An applicant who is a graduate of a program designed to lead to both a doctor of philosophy degree and a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of osteopathy degree must pass each part of an examination described by Section 155.051(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7) not later than the second anniversary of the date the applicant completed the graduate medical training described by Section 155.003(a)(5) [~~was awarded a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of osteopathy degree~~].

(c) The time frame to pass each part of the examination described by Subsection (a) is extended to 10 years and the anniversary date to pass each part of the examination described by Subsection (b) is extended to the 10th anniversary if the applicant:

(1) is specialty board certified by a specialty board that:

(A) is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties; or

1                   (B) is a member of the Bureau of Osteopathic  
2 Specialists; or

3                   (2) has been issued a faculty temporary license, as  
4 prescribed by board rule, and has practiced under such a license for  
5 a minimum of 12 months and, at the conclusion of the 12-month  
6 period, has been recommended to the board by the chief  
7 administrative officer and the president of the institution in  
8 which the applicant practiced under the faculty temporary license.

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

14                   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.