

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 424
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 424 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the deadline for passing the examination for a license
1-11 to practice medicine in this state.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (b) An applicant who is a graduate of a program designed to
1-17 lead to both a doctor of philosophy degree and a doctor of medicine
1-18 degree or doctor of osteopathy degree must pass each part of an
1-19 examination described by Section 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7)
1-20 not later than the second anniversary of the date the applicant
1-21 completed the graduate medical training described by Section
1-22 155.003(a)(5) [~~was awarded a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of~~
1-23 ~~osteopathy degree~~].

1-24 (c) The time frame to pass each part of the examination
1-25 described by Subsection (a) is extended to 10 years and the
1-26 anniversary date to pass each part of the examination described by
1-27 Subsection (b) is extended to the 10th anniversary if the
1-28 applicant:

1-29 (1) is specialty board certified by a specialty board
1-30 that:

1-31 (A) is a member of the American Board of Medical
1-32 Specialties; or

1-33 (B) is a member of the Bureau of Osteopathic
1-34 Specialists; or

1-35 (2) has been issued a faculty temporary license, as
1-36 prescribed by board rule, and has practiced under such a license for
1-37 a minimum of 12 months and, at the conclusion of the 12-month
1-38 period, has been recommended to the board by the chief
1-39 administrative officer and the president of the institution in
1-40 which the applicant practiced under the faculty temporary license.

1-41 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
1-42 person who files an application with the Texas State Board of
1-43 Medical Examiners for a license to practice medicine in this state
1-44 on or after the effective date of this Act or whose license
1-45 application is pending on the effective date of this Act.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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