

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, changes were made to the physician licensure examination attempt requirements without the inclusion of a grandfathering provision.

S.B. 36 authorizes physician applicants who had a physician-in-training permit or permit application by September 1, 2005, to apply for licensure under the old law.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 155.056, Occupations Code, by adding Subsections (c) and (d), as follows:

(c) Requires certain applicants for a medical license to pass each part of a licensing examination to practice medicine within three attempts notwithstanding Subsection (a). Provides an exception for an applicant who has passed all but one part of an examination within three attempts, and authorizes the applicant to take the remaining part of the examination one additional time. Provides that an applicant is considered to have satisfied the requirements of this subsection if the applicant meets certain conditions.

(d) Provides that the limitation on examination attempts by an applicant under Subsection (a) does not apply to certain applicants. Sets forth the applicants to whom the limitation does not apply.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.