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H.B. No. 1706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the annual registration of physicians by the Texas
3 Medical Board.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 153.053, Occupations Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 153.053. SURCHARGE FOR CERTAIN FEES. (a) The board
8 shall collect a fee surcharge as follows:

9 (1) \$200 for the license fee;

10 (2) \$200 [~~\$400~~] for the first registration permit;

11 (3) \$200 [~~\$400~~] for renewal of a registration permit;

12 and

13 (4) \$200 for reinstatement of a license after
14 cancellation for cause.

15 (b) Of each surcharge collected under Subsection (a)
16 [~~Subsections (a)(1) and (4)~~], the board shall deposit \$50 to the
17 credit of the foundation school fund and \$150 to the credit of the
18 general revenue fund.

19 [~~(c) Of each surcharge collected under Subsections (a)(2)~~
20 ~~and (3), the board shall deposit \$100 to the credit of the~~
21 ~~foundation school fund and \$300 to the credit of the general revenue~~
22 ~~fund.]~~

23 SECTION 2. Section 156.001(a), Occupations Code, is amended
24 to read as follows:

1 (a) Each person licensed to practice medicine in this state
2 must register with the board annually [~~every two years~~]. The
3 initial registration permit shall be issued with the license. The
4 board by rule may adopt a system under which licenses expire on
5 various dates during the year.

6 SECTION 3. Section 156.003(a), Occupations Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The board by rule may adopt a system under which
9 registration permits expire on various dates during the [~~two-year~~]
10 registration period.

11 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
12 to a registration permit under Chapter 156, Occupations Code, that
13 is issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A
14 registration permit issued before that date is governed by the law
15 in effect on the date the registration permit was issued, and the
16 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.