A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to making an appropriation to the Texas Medical Board for

3 the purpose of hiring additional licensing staff and enhancing the

4 board's information system capabilities.

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

6   SECTION 1. (a)   In   addition   to   amounts   previously

7 appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the state fiscal

8 biennium ending August 31, 2007, the amount of $191,360 is

9 appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the board for the

10 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the

11 purpose of adding six additional licensing staff to address the

12 backlog in processing applications for physician licensing.

13   (b)   In addition to the number of full-time equivalent

14 employees (FTEs) the Texas Medical Board is authorized to employ by

15 other law, the board may employ an additional six FTEs during the

16 period covered by the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this

17 section.

18   SECTION 2. (a)   In   addition   to   amounts   previously

19 appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the state fiscal

20 biennium ending August 31, 2007, the amount of $120,000 is

21 appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the board for the

22 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the

23 purpose of paying programming and software costs connected to the

24 acquisition of an automated internal budgeting system and making

1 enhancements to the enforcement information system.

2   (b) The amounts appropriated in Subsection (a) of this

3 section may be expended for capital budget items.

4   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

8 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the

9 legislative session.