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S.B. No. 30

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain aliens for a license to practice medicine in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.0045. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN ALIENS. (a) A license applicant who is not a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States must present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant has practiced medicine or has signed an agreement to practice medicine as a condition of the license for at least three years in an area in this state that is designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as a health professional shortage area or a medically underserved area.

(b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit the board from issuing a license to an applicant described by that subsection who is:

(1) applying for a physician-in-training permit that allows participation in a graduate medical education training program in this state; or

(2) applying to practice medicine as a faculty member at:

(A) a medical and dental unit of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code;

1 or

2 (B) a medical school, as defined by Section  
3 61.501, Education Code.

4 (c) The board shall adopt rules and procedures to implement  
5 this section, including rules to determine whether the applicant is  
6 complying with the agreement required under Subsection (a).

7 (d) The board by rule may limit the license to practice  
8 medicine of an applicant described by Subsection (a) to an area in  
9 this state that is designated by the United States Department of  
10 Health and Human Services as a health professional shortage area or  
11 a medically underserved area.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2008, the Texas Medical  
13 Board shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section  
14 155.0045, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
16 an application for an initial license to practice medicine made on  
17 or after September 1, 2008. An application for an initial license  
18 to practice medicine made before that date and the subsequent  
19 renewal of the license is covered by the law in effect when the  
20 application was made, and the former law is continued in effect for  
21 that purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.