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S.B. No. 36

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the examination of certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155.056, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), an applicant who, on September 1, 2005, held a physician-in-training permit issued under Section 155.105 or had an application for that permit pending before the board must pass each part of the examination within three attempts, except that, if the applicant has passed all but one part of the examination within three attempts, the applicant may take the remaining part of the examination one additional time. However, an applicant is considered to have satisfied the requirements of this subsection if the applicant:

(1) passed all but one part of the examination approved by the board within three attempts and passed the remaining part of the examination within five attempts;

(2) is specialty board certified by a specialty board that:

(A) is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties; or

(B) is approved by the American Osteopathic Association; and

1 (3) has completed in this state an additional two
2 years of postgraduate medical training approved by the board.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.