

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Medical Board has the ability to issue temporary faculty licenses for doctors who are licensed in other states and wish to teach at a medical school in Texas. The same privilege has not been extended to the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners in relation to chiropractors hired as faculty at one of Texas' two chiropractic colleges.

As proposed, S.B. 1954 authorizes the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners to issue a temporary license to a person who has been hired as a full-time faculty member at one of the two chiropractic schools in Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.308, Occupations Code, by adding Subsections (c) through (j), as follows:

(c) Authorizes the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) to issue a faculty temporary license to practice chiropractic to a person as provided by this section. Sets forth the required conditions to be eligible for such licensure.

(d) Provides that a person is eligible for a temporary license under Subsection (c) if the person holds a faculty position of at least the level of assistant professor, works at least part-time at an institution listed in Subsection (c)(4) (relating to Parker College of Chiropractic and Texas Chiropractic College), the person is on active duty in the United States armed forces, and the person's practice under the temporary license will fulfill critical needs of the citizens of this state.

(e) Requires a chiropractor who is issued a temporary license under Subsection (c) to sign an oath on a form prescribed by TBCE swearing that the person has met certain requirements.

(f) Requires a chiropractor holding a temporary license under Subsection (c) and the chiropractor's chiropractic school to file affidavits with TBCE affirming acceptance of the terms and limits imposed by the board on the chiropractic activities of the chiropractor.

(g) Provides that a temporary license issued under Subsection (c) is valid for one year.

(h) Provides that the holder of a temporary license issued under Subsection (c) is limited to the teaching confines of the applying chiropractic school as a part of the chiropractor's duties and responsibilities assigned by the program. Prohibits the holder of a temporary license issued under Subsection (c) from practicing chiropractic outside of the setting of the chiropractic school or an affiliate of the chiropractic school.

(i) Requires that the application for a temporary license under Subsection (c) be made by the chiropractic school in which the chiropractor teaches and contain the information and

documentation requested by TBCE. Requires that the application be endorsed by the dean of the chiropractic school or the president of the institution.

(j) Requires a chiropractor who holds a temporary license issued under Subsection (c) and who wishes to receive a permanent unrestricted license to meet the requirements for issuance of a permanent unrestricted license, including any examination requirements.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.