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H.B. No. 2528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for obtaining a veterinarian's special license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 801.256(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An applicant is eligible for a special license if:

(1) the applicant:

(A) is at least 21 years of age and a graduate of a board-approved veterinary medicine program at an institution of higher education; or

(B) provides to the board a written affirmation by a person described under Subsection (f) that the applicant meets a critical need for staffing at the person's institution and is certified by a nationally recognized veterinary specialty board or is eligible for that certification; ~~and~~ or

(C) is a graduate of an American Veterinary Medical Association-listed school or college of veterinary medicine and is employed in a post-Doctor of Veterinary Medicine training program at an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited school or college of veterinary medicine; and

(2) the applicant passes the jurisprudence section of the licensing examination.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.