

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 616
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 2, 2009; February 23, 2009,
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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 616 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a
1-11 license to practice medicine.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-15 (d) The time frame to pass each part of the examination does
1-16 not apply to an applicant who:

1-17 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in
1-18 another state;

1-19 (2) has been licensed for at least five years;

1-20 (3) does not hold a medical license in the other state
1-21 that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or
1-22 probation; and

1-23 (4) will practice in a medically underserved area or a
1-24 health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by
1-25 Section 157.052.

1-26 (e) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that
1-27 a person, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (d),
1-28 practices only in an area described by Subsection (d)(4).

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 155.056, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-30 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-31 (e) The limitation on examination attempts by an applicant
1-32 under Subsection (a) does not apply to an applicant who:

1-33 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in
1-34 another state;

1-35 (2) has been licensed for at least five years;

1-36 (3) does not hold a medical license in the other state
1-37 that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or
1-38 probation; and

1-39 (4) will practice in a medically underserved area or a
1-40 health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by
1-41 Section 157.052.

1-42 (f) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that
1-43 a person who, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (e),
1-44 practices only in an area described by Subsection (e)(4).

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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