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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a temporary faculty license for chiropractic faculty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.308, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) through (j) to read as follows:

(c) The board may issue a faculty temporary license to practice chiropractic to a person as provided by this section. The person:

(1) must hold a current chiropractic license that is unrestricted and not subject to a disciplinary order or probation in another state or a Canadian province;

(2) may not hold a chiropractic license in another state or a Canadian province that has any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or probation;

(3) must pass the examination required under Section 201.304(a)(2); and

(4) must hold a salaried faculty position of at least the level of assistant professor and be working full-time at:

(A) Parker College of Chiropractic; or

(B) Texas Chiropractic College.

(d) 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), and:

1           (1) the person is on active duty in the United States  
2 armed forces; and

3           (2) the person's practice under the temporary license  
4 will fulfill critical needs of the citizens of this state.

5           (e) A chiropractor who is issued a temporary license under  
6 Subsection (c) must sign an oath on a form prescribed by the board  
7 swearing that the person:

8           (1) has read and is familiar with this chapter and  
9 board rules;

10           (2) will abide by the requirements of this chapter and  
11 board rules while practicing under the chiropractor's temporary  
12 license; and

13           (3) will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of  
14 the board.

15           (f) A chiropractor holding a temporary license under  
16 Subsection (c) and the chiropractor's chiropractic school must file  
17 affidavits with the board affirming acceptance of the terms and  
18 limits imposed by the board on the chiropractic activities of the  
19 chiropractor.

20           (g) A temporary license issued under Subsection (c) is valid  
21 for one year.

22           (h) The holder of a temporary license issued under  
23 Subsection (c) is limited to the teaching confines of the applying  
24 chiropractic school as a part of the chiropractor's duties and  
25 responsibilities assigned by the program and may not practice  
26 chiropractic outside of the setting of the chiropractic school or  
27 an affiliate of the chiropractic school.

1       (i) The application for a temporary license under  
2 Subsection (c) must be made by the chiropractic school in which the  
3 chiropractor teaches and must contain the information and  
4 documentation requested by the board. The application must be  
5 endorsed by the dean of the chiropractic school or the president of  
6 the institution.

7       (j) A chiropractor who holds a temporary license issued  
8 under Subsection (c) and who wishes to receive a permanent  
9 unrestricted license must meet the requirements for issuance of a  
10 permanent unrestricted license, including any examination  
11 requirements.

12       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.