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S.B. No. 2390

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the physician licensing requirements for foreign medical graduates.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 155.0031(c) and (d), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Applicants for a license must subscribe to an oath [~~in writing before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths~~]. The written oath is part of the application.

(d) An applicant must present proof satisfactory to the board that:

(1) each medical school attended by the applicant is substantially equivalent to a Texas medical school as determined by board rule; or

(2) the applicant is specialty board certified by a specialty board organization acceptable to the board.

SECTION 2. Section 155.004, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 155.004. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. A license applicant who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside the United States and Canada must present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(1) is a graduate of a school whose curriculum meets

1 the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by
2 a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board;

4 (2) has successfully completed:

5 (A) at least three years of graduate medical
6 training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the
7 board; or

8 (B) at least two years of graduate medical
9 training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the
10 board and at least one year of graduate medical training outside the
11 United States or Canada that was approved for advanced standing by a
12 specialty board organization approved by the board;

13 (3) ~~[is eligible for a license to practice medicine in~~
14 ~~the country in which the school is located, except for any~~
15 ~~citizenship requirements;~~

16 [~~4~~] holds a valid certificate issued by the
17 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

18 (4) [~~5~~] is able to communicate in English.

19 SECTION 3. Sections 155.0031 and 155.004, Occupations Code,
20 as amended by this Act, apply only to an application for a license
21 filed with the applicable licensing authority on or after the
22 effective date of this Act. An application for a license filed
23 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
24 effect on the date the application was filed, and that law is
25 continued in effect for that purpose.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.