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H.B. No. 527

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain examination requirements for physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155.051(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to an ~~[The time frame to pass each part of the examination described by Subsection (a) is extended to 10 years and the anniversary date to pass each part of the examination described by Subsection (b) is extended to the 10th anniversary if the]~~ applicant who ~~[+~~

~~(1)]~~ is specialty board certified by a specialty board that:

(1) ~~(A)]~~ is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties; or

(2) ~~(B)]~~ is approved by the American Osteopathic Association ~~[a member of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists; or~~

~~(2) has been issued a faculty temporary license, as prescribed by board rule, and has practiced under such a license for a minimum of 12 months and, at the conclusion of the 12-month period, has been recommended to the board by the chief administrative officer and the president of the institution in which the applicant practiced under the faculty temporary license].~~

SECTION 2. Sections 155.056(a) and (d), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) An applicant must pass each part of an examination  
2 within six [~~three~~] attempts.

3 (d) The limitation on examination attempts by an applicant  
4 under Subsection (a) does not apply to an applicant who~~+~~

5 [~~(1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in~~  
6 ~~another state;~~

7 [~~(2) has been licensed for at least five years;~~

8 [~~(3) does not hold a medical license in the other state~~  
9 ~~that has any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or probation; and~~

10 [~~(4) passed all but one part of the examination~~  
11 ~~approved by the board within three attempts and:~~

12 [~~(A) passed the remaining part of the examination~~  
13 ~~within one additional attempt; or~~

14 [~~(B) passed the remaining part of the examination~~  
15 ~~within six attempts if the applicant:~~

16 [~~(i)~~] is specialty board certified by a  
17 specialty board that:

18 (1) [~~(a)~~] is a member of the American Board of Medical  
19 Specialties; or

20 (2) [~~(b)~~] is approved by the American Osteopathic  
21 Association~~, and~~

22 [~~(ii) has completed in this state an~~  
23 ~~additional two years of postgraduate medical training approved by~~  
24 ~~the board].~~

25 SECTION 3. Section 155.056(c), Occupations Code, is  
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.