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H.B. No. 1380

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the graduate medical training requirements for certain  
3 foreign medical school graduates applying for a license to practice  
4 medicine in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 155.003(a), Occupations Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an  
9 applicant must present proof satisfactory to the board that the  
10 applicant:

11 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

12 (2) is of good professional character and has not  
13 violated Section 164.051, 164.052, or 164.053;

14 (3) has completed:

15 (A) at least 60 semester hours of college  
16 courses, other than courses in medical school, that are acceptable  
17 to The University of Texas at Austin for credit on a bachelor of  
18 arts degree or a bachelor of science degree;

19 (B) the entire primary, secondary, and  
20 premedical education required in the country of medical school  
21 graduation, if the medical school is located outside the United  
22 States or Canada; or

23 (C) substantially equivalent courses as  
24 determined by board rule;

1           (4) is a graduate of a medical school located in the  
2 United States or Canada and approved by the board;

3           (5) has either:

4           (A) successfully completed one year of graduate  
5 medical training approved by the board in the United States or  
6 Canada; or

7           (B) graduated from a medical school located  
8 outside the United States or Canada and:

9           (i) has successfully completed three years  
10 of graduate medical training approved by the board in the United  
11 States or Canada; or

12           (ii) is in the final year of a three-year  
13 residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for  
14 Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic  
15 Association;

16           (6) has passed an examination accepted or administered  
17 by the board; and

18           (7) has passed a Texas medical jurisprudence  
19 examination as determined by board rule.

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

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

27           (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 is in the final year of a three-year residency program  
8 approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
9 Education or the American Osteopathic Association [~~; or~~

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

15 (3) holds a valid certificate issued by the  
16 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

17 (4) is able to communicate in English.

18 SECTION 3. Section 155.005(a), Occupations Code, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an  
21 applicant who has been a student of a foreign medical school must  
22 present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

23 (1) meets the requirements of Section 155.003;

24 (2) has studied medicine in a medical school located  
25 outside the United States and Canada that is acceptable to the  
26 board;

27 (3) has completed all of the didactic work of the

1 foreign medical school but has not graduated from the school;

2 (4) has attained a score satisfactory to a medical  
3 school in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on  
4 Medical Education on a qualifying examination and has  
5 satisfactorily completed one academic year of supervised clinical  
6 training for foreign medical students, as defined by the American  
7 Medical Association Council on Medical Education (Fifth Pathway  
8 Program), under the direction of the medical school in the United  
9 States;

10 (5) has attained a passing score on the Educational  
11 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates examination or another  
12 examination, if required by the board;

13 (6) has successfully completed at least three years of  
14 graduate medical training in the United States or Canada that was  
15 approved by the board as of the date the training was completed or  
16 is in the final year of a three-year residency program approved by  
17 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the  
18 American Osteopathic Association; and

19 (7) has passed the license examination under  
20 Subchapter B required by the board of each applicant.

21 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections  
22 155.003, 155.004, and 155.005, Occupations Code, apply only to an  
23 application for a license to practice medicine submitted to the  
24 Texas Medical Board on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
25 application for a license submitted before that date is governed by  
26 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the  
27 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.