

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 1380
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2011;
1-3 April 26, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 6, 2011, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-6 Nays 0; May 6, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1380 By: Rodriguez

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

1-10 relating to the graduate medical training requirements for certain
1-11 foreign medical school graduates applying for a license to practice
1-12 medicine in this state.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 155.003(a), Occupations Code, is amended
1-15 to read as follows:

1-16 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an
1-17 applicant must present proof satisfactory to the board that the
1-18 applicant:

1-19 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

1-20 (2) is of good professional character and has not
1-21 violated Section 164.051, 164.052, or 164.053;

1-22 (3) has completed:

1-23 (A) at least 60 semester hours of college
1-24 courses, other than courses in medical school, that are acceptable
1-25 to The University of Texas at Austin for credit on a bachelor of
1-26 arts degree or a bachelor of science degree;

1-27 (B) the entire primary, secondary, and
1-28 premedical education required in the country of medical school
1-29 graduation, if the medical school is located outside the United
1-30 States or Canada; or

1-31 (C) substantially equivalent courses as
1-32 determined by board rule;

1-33 (4) is a graduate of a medical school located in the
1-34 United States or Canada and approved by the board;

1-35 (5) has either:

1-36 (A) successfully completed one year of graduate
1-37 medical training approved by the board in the United States or
1-38 Canada; or

1-39 (B) graduated from a medical school located
1-40 outside the United States or Canada and has successfully completed
1-41 two [~~three~~] years of graduate medical training approved by the
1-42 board in the United States or Canada;

1-43 (6) has passed an examination accepted or administered
1-44 by the board; and

1-45 (7) has passed a Texas medical jurisprudence
1-46 examination as determined by board rule.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 155.004, Occupations Code, is amended to
1-48 read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 155.004. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
1-50 GRADUATES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. A license applicant
1-51 who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside the
1-52 United States and Canada must present proof satisfactory to the
1-53 board that the applicant:

1-54 (1) is a graduate of a school whose curriculum meets
1-55 the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by
1-56 a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education
1-57 Coordinating Board;

1-58 (2) has successfully completed[+]

1-59 [~~(A) at least three years of graduate medical~~
1-60 ~~training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the~~
1-61 ~~board; or~~

1-62 [~~(B)~~] at least two years of graduate medical
1-63 training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the

2-1 board [~~and at least one year of graduate medical training outside~~
2-2 ~~the United States or Canada that was approved for advanced standing~~
2-3 ~~by a specialty board organization approved by the board~~];

2-4 (3) holds a valid certificate issued by the
2-5 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

2-6 (4) is able to communicate in English.

2-7 SECTION 3. Section 155.005(a), Occupations Code, is amended
2-8 to read as follows:

2-9 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an
2-10 applicant who has been a student of a foreign medical school must
2-11 present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

2-12 (1) meets the requirements of Section 155.003;

2-13 (2) has studied medicine in a medical school located
2-14 outside the United States and Canada that is acceptable to the
2-15 board;

2-16 (3) has completed all of the didactic work of the
2-17 foreign medical school but has not graduated from the school;

2-18 (4) has attained a score satisfactory to a medical
2-19 school in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on
2-20 Medical Education on a qualifying examination and has
2-21 satisfactorily completed one academic year of supervised clinical
2-22 training for foreign medical students, as defined by the American
2-23 Medical Association Council on Medical Education (Fifth Pathway
2-24 Program), under the direction of the medical school in the United
2-25 States;

2-26 (5) has attained a passing score on the Educational
2-27 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates examination or another
2-28 examination, if required by the board;

2-29 (6) has successfully completed at least two [~~three~~]
2-30 years of graduate medical training in the United States or Canada
2-31 that was approved by the board as of the date the training was
2-32 completed; and

2-33 (7) has passed the license examination under
2-34 Subchapter B required by the board of each applicant.

2-35 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
2-36 155.003, 155.004, and 155.005, Occupations Code, apply only to an
2-37 application for a license to practice medicine submitted to the
2-38 Texas Medical Board on or after the effective date of this Act. An
2-39 application for a license submitted before that date is governed by
2-40 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the
2-41 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-42 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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