

1-1 By: Huffman, Rodriguez S.B. No. 240
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 29, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; February 22, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; February 22, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a
1-9 license to practice medicine.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-13 (d) The time frame to pass each part of the examination does
1-14 not apply to an applicant who:

1-15 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in
1-16 another state;

1-17 (2) has been licensed for at least five years;

1-18 (3) does not hold a medical license in the other state
1-19 that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or
1-20 probation; and

1-21 (4) will practice in a medically underserved area or a
1-22 health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by
1-23 Section 157.052.

1-24 (e) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that
1-25 a person, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (d),
1-26 practices only in an area described by Subsection (d)(4).

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 155.056, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-28 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-29 (e) The limitation on examination attempts by an applicant
1-30 under Subsection (a) does not apply to an applicant who:

1-31 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in
1-32 another state;

1-33 (2) has been licensed for at least five years;

1-34 (3) does not hold a medical license in the other state
1-35 that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or
1-36 probation; and

1-37 (4) will practice in a medically underserved area or a
1-38 health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by
1-39 Section 157.052.

1-40 (f) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that
1-41 a person who, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (e),
1-42 practices only in an area described by Subsection (e)(4).

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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