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S.B. No. 867

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to testing accommodations for a person with dyslexia taking a licensing examination administered by a state agency.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 54, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 54. EXAMINATION ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY; EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSON WITH DYSLEXIA

SECTION 2. Chapter 54, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 54.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.003. EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSON WITH DYSLEXIA. (a) In this section, "dyslexia" has the meaning assigned by Section 51.970, Education Code.

(b) For each licensing examination administered by a state agency, the agency shall provide reasonable examination accommodations to an examinee diagnosed as having dyslexia.

(c) Each state agency shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including rules to establish the eligibility criteria an examinee must meet for accommodation under this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Each state agency that offers a licensing examination shall adopt rules to implement Section 54.003, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2011.

1 (b) The change in law made by Section 54.003, Occupations
2 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a licensing examination
3 offered by a state agency on or after January 1, 2012.

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