

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 867
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to testing accommodations for a person with dyslexia
1-9 taking a licensing examination administered by a state agency.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 54, Occupations Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 CHAPTER 54. EXAMINATION ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY; EXAMINATION
1-14 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSON WITH DYSLEXIA

1-15 SECTION 2. Chapter 54, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-16 adding Section 54.003 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 54.003. EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSON WITH
1-18 DYSLEXIA. (a) In this section, "dyslexia" has the meaning
1-19 assigned by Section 51.970, Education Code.

1-20 (b) For each licensing examination administered by a state
1-21 agency, the agency shall provide reasonable examination
1-22 accommodations to an examinee diagnosed as having dyslexia.

1-23 (c) Each state agency shall adopt rules necessary to
1-24 implement this section, including rules to establish the
1-25 eligibility criteria an examinee must meet for accommodation under
1-26 this section.

1-27 SECTION 3. (a) Each state agency that offers a licensing
1-28 examination shall adopt rules to implement Section 54.003,
1-29 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1,
1-30 2011.

1-31 (b) The change in law made by Section 54.003, Occupations
1-32 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a licensing examination
1-33 offered by a state agency on or after January 1, 2012.

1-34 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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