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S.B. No. 1022

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 has successfully completed  
9 two [~~three~~] years of graduate medical training approved by the  
10 board in the United States or Canada;

11          (6) has passed an examination accepted or administered  
12 by the board; and

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

15          SECTION 2. Section 155.004, Occupations Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17          Sec. 155.004. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
18 GRADUATES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. A license applicant  
19 who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside the  
20 United States and Canada must present proof satisfactory to the  
21 board that the applicant:

22          (1) is a graduate of a school whose curriculum meets  
23 the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by  
24 a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education  
25 Coordinating Board;

26          (2) has successfully completed[+]

27                [~~(A) at least three years of graduate medical~~

1 ~~training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the~~  
2 ~~board; or~~

3 [~~(B)~~] at least two years of graduate medical  
4 training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the  
5 board [~~and at least one year of graduate medical training outside~~  
6 ~~the United States or Canada that was approved for advanced standing~~  
7 ~~by a specialty board organization approved by the board]~~;

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

10 (4) is able to communicate in English.

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

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

16 (1) meets the requirements of Section 155.003;

17 (2) has studied medicine in a medical school located  
18 outside the United States and Canada that is acceptable to the  
19 board;

20 (3) has completed all of the didactic work of the  
21 foreign medical school but has not graduated from the school;

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

1 Program), under the direction of the medical school in the United  
2 States;

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

6 (6) has successfully completed at least two [~~three~~]  
7 years of graduate medical training in the United States or Canada  
8 that was approved by the board as of the date the training was  
9 completed; and

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

12 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections  
13 155.003, 155.004, and 155.005, Occupations Code, apply only to an  
14 application for a license to practice medicine submitted to the  
15 Texas Medical Board on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
16 application for a license submitted before that date is governed by  
17 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the  
18 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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