

1-1 By: Rodriguez S.B. No. 1022
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 1, 2011; March 16, 2011, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 21, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the graduate medical training requirements for certain
1-9 foreign medical school graduates applying for a license to practice
1-10 medicine in this state.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 155.003, Occupations
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an
1-15 applicant must present proof satisfactory to the board that the
1-16 applicant:

1-17 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

1-18 (2) is of good professional character and has not
1-19 violated Section 164.051, 164.052, or 164.053;

1-20 (3) has completed:

1-21 (A) at least 60 semester hours of college
1-22 courses, other than courses in medical school, that are acceptable
1-23 to The University of Texas at Austin for credit on a bachelor of
1-24 arts degree or a bachelor of science degree;

1-25 (B) the entire primary, secondary, and
1-26 premedical education required in the country of medical school
1-27 graduation, if the medical school is located outside the United
1-28 States or Canada; or

1-29 (C) substantially equivalent courses as
1-30 determined by board rule;

1-31 (4) is a graduate of a medical school located in the
1-32 United States or Canada and approved by the board;

1-33 (5) has either:

1-34 (A) successfully completed one year of graduate
1-35 medical training approved by the board in the United States or
1-36 Canada; or

1-37 (B) graduated from a medical school located
1-38 outside the United States or Canada and has successfully completed
1-39 ~~two~~ ~~[three]~~ years of graduate medical training approved by the
1-40 board in the United States or Canada;

1-41 (6) has passed an examination accepted or administered
1-42 by the board; and

1-43 (7) has passed a Texas medical jurisprudence
1-44 examination as determined by board rule.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 155.004, Occupations Code, is amended to
1-46 read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 155.004. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
1-48 GRADUATES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. A license applicant
1-49 who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside the
1-50 United States and Canada must present proof satisfactory to the
1-51 board that the applicant:

1-52 (1) is a graduate of a school whose curriculum meets
1-53 the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by
1-54 a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education
1-55 Coordinating Board;

1-56 (2) has successfully completed~~[-~~

1-57 ~~[(A) at least three years of graduate medical~~
1-58 ~~training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the~~
1-59 ~~board; or~~

1-60 ~~[(B)] at least two years of graduate medical~~
1-61 ~~training in the United States or Canada that was approved by the~~
1-62 ~~board [and at least one year of graduate medical training outside~~
1-63 ~~the United States or Canada that was approved for advanced standing~~
1-64 ~~by a specialty board organization approved by the board];~~

2-1 (3) holds a valid certificate issued by the
2-2 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and
2-3 (4) is able to communicate in English.

2-4 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 155.005, Occupations
2-5 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-6 (a) To be eligible for a license under this chapter, an
2-7 applicant who has been a student of a foreign medical school must
2-8 present proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

2-9 (1) meets the requirements of Section 155.003;

2-10 (2) has studied medicine in a medical school located
2-11 outside the United States and Canada that is acceptable to the
2-12 board;

2-13 (3) has completed all of the didactic work of the
2-14 foreign medical school but has not graduated from the school;

2-15 (4) has attained a score satisfactory to a medical
2-16 school in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on
2-17 Medical Education on a qualifying examination and has
2-18 satisfactorily completed one academic year of supervised clinical
2-19 training for foreign medical students, as defined by the American
2-20 Medical Association Council on Medical Education (Fifth Pathway
2-21 Program), under the direction of the medical school in the United
2-22 States;

2-23 (5) has attained a passing score on the Educational
2-24 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates examination or another
2-25 examination, if required by the board;

2-26 (6) has successfully completed at least two [~~three~~]
2-27 years of graduate medical training in the United States or Canada
2-28 that was approved by the board as of the date the training was
2-29 completed; and

2-30 (7) has passed the license examination under
2-31 Subchapter B required by the board of each applicant.

2-32 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
2-33 155.003, 155.004, and 155.005, Occupations Code, apply only to an
2-34 application for a license to practice medicine submitted to the
2-35 Texas Medical Board on or after the effective date of this Act. An
2-36 application for a license submitted before that date is governed by
2-37 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the
2-38 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-39 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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