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H.B. No. 3174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that an applicant for a license to practice medicine recite the Hippocratic oath.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155.002, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The board, at its sole discretion, may issue a license to practice medicine to a person who:

(1) submits to the board a license application as required by this chapter;

(2) presents satisfactory proof that the person meets the eligibility requirements established by this chapter; ~~and~~

(3) satisfies the examination requirements of Section 155.051; and

(4) recites the Hippocratic oath, as provided by Subsection (c).

(c) The board by rule shall provide the text of the Hippocratic oath that each applicant must recite under Subsection (a). The board shall adopt rules on the manner by which an applicant may satisfy the requirement under Subsection (a)(4).

SECTION 2. Section 155.002(a), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a person who submits a license application to the Texas Medical Board on or after January 1, 2014.

1 A person who submits a license application to the Texas Medical
2 Board before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect on
3 the date the license application was submitted, and the former law
4 is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. Not later than December 31, 2013, the Texas
6 Medical Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 155.002(c),
7 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.