

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 949 (Nelson/Sheffield of Coryell)

By: Sheffield of Coryell

H.R. No. 2982

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 949 (licensing under the  
6 Medical Practice Act) to consider and take action on the following  
7 matter:

8 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the  
9 committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either  
10 the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new  
11 SECTION to the bill:

12 SECTION 2. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by  
13 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

14 (d) The time frame to pass each part of the examination does  
15 not apply to an applicant who:

16 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in  
17 another state;

18 (2) has been licensed for at least five years;

19 (3) does not hold a medical license in the other state  
20 that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or  
21 probation; and

22 (4) will practice in a medically underserved area or a  
23 health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by  
24 Section 157.052.

1       (e) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that  
2 a person, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (d),  
3 practices only in an area described by Subsection (d)(4).

4       Explanation: This change is necessary to exempt certain  
5 applicants for a medical license from the time frame requirement to  
6 pass each part of the licensing examination.