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S.B. No. 363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to prohibited exemptions from state bar examination
3 requirements for attorneys who hold law licenses issued by certain
4 other states.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 82.036, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 82.036. FOREIGN ATTORNEYS; RECIPROCITY. (a) The
9 supreme court shall make such rules and regulations as to admitting
10 attorneys from other jurisdictions to practice law in this state as
11 it shall deem proper and just. All such attorneys shall be required
12 to furnish satisfactory proof as to good moral character.

13 (b) The rules adopted under this section may not exempt an
14 attorney licensed to practice law in another state from the
15 requirement of successfully completing this state's bar
16 examination unless the other state exempts attorneys licensed to
17 practice law in this state from the requirement of successfully
18 completing the other state's bar examination.

19 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas
20 Supreme Court shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section
21 82.036, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

22 (b) Section 82.036, Government Code, as amended by this Act,
23 applies only to a person who files an application for a license to
24 practice law with the Board of Law Examiners on or after December 1,

1 2013.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.