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S.B. No. 580

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to license examination attempt limits for physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 155.056(a) and (d), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) An applicant must pass:

(1) each individual part of an examination within five  
[three] attempts; and

(2) all parts of an examination collectively within  
nine attempts.

(d) The limitation on examination attempts by an applicant under Subsection (a) does not apply to an applicant who ~~+~~

~~[(1) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in another state,~~

~~[(2) has been licensed for at least five years,~~

~~[(3) does not hold a medical license in the other state that has any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or probation, and~~

~~[(4) passed all but one part of the examination approved by the board within three attempts and:~~

~~[(A) passed the remaining part of the examination within one additional attempt, or~~

~~[(B) passed the remaining part of the examination within six attempts if the applicant:~~

~~[(i)]~~ is specialty board certified by a

1 specialty board that:

2                   (1) ~~[(a)]~~ is a member of the American Board of Medical  
3 Specialties; or

4                   (2) ~~[(b)]~~ is approved by the American Osteopathic  
5 Association~~[-and~~

~~6 [(ii) has completed in this state an~~  
~~7 additional two years of postgraduate medical training approved by~~  
~~8 the board].~~

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