

AN ACT

relating to licensing under the Medical Practice Act.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 151.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6-a) to read as follows:

(6-a) "License holder" means a person holding a license, permit, or certificate issued under this subtitle.

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

(d) The time frame to pass each part of the examination 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 or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or probation; and

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

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

SECTION 3. Section 155.0045, Occupations Code, is repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 949 passed the Senate on March 27, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 24, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 949 passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 3, two present not voting; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor