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S.B. No. 1744

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to license examination attempt limits for certain physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155.056, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), an applicant must pass each part of an examination within five attempts if the applicant:

(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;

(4) is specialty board certified by a specialty board that:

(A) is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties; or

(B) is approved by the American Osteopathic Association; and

(5) will practice for at least three years in a medically underserved area or a health manpower shortage area, as those terms are defined by Section 157.052.

(f) The board may by rule establish a process to verify that

1 a person, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (e),  
2 practices only in an area described by Subsection (e)(5).

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