

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

By: Nelson

S.R. No. 1073

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 949 (licensing under the Medical Practice Act) to consider and
6 take action on the following matter:

7 Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to
8 add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or
9 senate version of the bill by adding the following new SECTION to
10 the bill:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 a person, after meeting the requirements of Subsection (d),
2 practices only in an area described by Subsection (d)(4).

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