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S.B. No. 674

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an expedited licensing process for certain physicians specializing in psychiatry; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.010. EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR PHYSICIANS SPECIALIZING IN PSYCHIATRY. (a) The board by rule shall create an expedited licensing process for an applicant who:

(1) holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine issued by another state;

(2) is board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry; and

(3) is not ineligible under Section 155.003(e).

(b) The expedited licensing process must include a procedure for the board to screen applications under this subtitle to determine whether an applicant would be eligible for the expedited licensing process under this section.

(c) The renewal of a registration permit for a license holder issued a license under this section is governed by Chapter 156.

(d) The board may establish a fee for the expedited process.

(e) This section expires January 1, 2022.

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1 SECTION 2. The Texas Medical Board shall create and
2 implement the expedited licensing process under Section 155.010,
3 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1,
4 2018.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.