

Amend CSHB 2038 (senate committee report) in SECTION 2.001 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 155.1015, Occupations Code, strike added Subsections (a) and (b) of that section (page 1, line 34, through page 2, line 21) and substitute the following:

(a) Subject to Subsection (b), on application, the board shall issue an initial provisional license to practice medicine to an applicant who:

(1) has been granted a degree of doctor of medicine or a substantially similar degree by a program of medical education that meets eligibility requirements for the applicant to apply for certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates;

(2) has been licensed in good standing to practice medicine in another country and is not the subject of any pending disciplinary action before the licensing body;

(3) has completed a residency or a substantially similar postgraduate medical training required by the applicant's country of licensure;

(4) passes the Texas medical jurisprudence examination;

(5) has proficiency in the English language;

(6) is authorized under federal law to work in the United States;

(7) has been offered employment in this state as a physician by a person who provides health care services in the normal course of business in a facility-based or group practice setting, including a health system, hospital, hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility, or urgent care clinic;

(8) has passed the first and second steps of the examination described by Section 155.0511(7) in accordance with Section 155.056(a); and

(9) meets any other requirement the board prescribes by rule.

(b) Unless the applicant is a citizen of the United States or has been issued a visa to legally work in the United States, the board may not issue a provisional license under Subsection (a) to an

applicant who is a citizen of a country:

(1) identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the national security of the United States in the most recent Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community issued pursuant to Section 108B, National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. Section 3043b); or

(2) identified as a country subject to prohibitions in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 C.F.R. Part 126.1).

(2) In added Section 155.1015, Occupations Code, strike added Subsection (g) of that section (page 2, lines 52 through 60), and substitute the following:

(g) Subject to Subsection (h), the board on application shall issue a license under this subtitle to the holder of a provisional license under this section if the provisional license holder satisfies the examination requirements of Section 155.051.