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H.B. No. 1132

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an alternate license to practice medicine in this state and medical care provided at certain health care facilities by physicians with an alternate license.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 222, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED AT CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BY PHYSICIANS WITH ALTERNATE LICENSES

Sec. 222.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the commission.

(3) "Health care facility" means a health care facility licensed by the commission.

Sec. 222.102. MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED BY PHYSICIANS WITH ALTERNATE LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE. A health care facility may not:

(1) refuse to accept for board certification purposes a physician's alternate license to practice medicine issued under Section 155.012, Occupations Code, in employing or granting practice or admitting privileges for the physician to provide medical care to patients at the facility; or

1 (2) otherwise discriminate against a physician
2 described by Subdivision (1) in an employment or privilege decision
3 based on the physician's alternate license.

4 Sec. 222.103. LICENSE REVOCATION. The commission shall
5 revoke the license of a health care facility that violates this
6 subchapter.

7 Sec. 222.104. RULES. The executive commissioner shall
8 adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 155.012 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 155.012. ALTERNATE LICENSE FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS.

12 (a) The board shall establish an alternate license to practice
13 medicine in this state that:

14 (1) requires an applicant to satisfy each applicable
15 eligibility requirement for a license under this chapter except as
16 provided by Subdivision (2); and

17 (2) does not require an applicant to complete courses
18 or training on or to satisfy any other requirement, including
19 obtaining certification, for:

20 (A) performing or inducing an abortion; or

21 (B) performing a medical procedure prohibited
22 under state law.

23 (b) The board shall adopt application procedures and
24 eligibility requirements for an applicant to apply for and the
25 board to issue an alternate license under this section.

26 (c) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

27 SECTION 3. Section 155.051, Occupations Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
2 follows:

3 (a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and
4 (b-1), an applicant for a license to practice medicine in this state
5 must pass each part of an examination described by Section
6 155.0511(2), (3), (4), (6), or (7) within seven years.

7 (b-1) An applicant for an alternate license established
8 under Section 155.012 must pass each part of an examination
9 described by Section 155.0511(10) within seven years.

10 SECTION 4. Section 155.0511, Occupations Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 155.0511. EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED OR ACCEPTED BY
13 BOARD. The board may administer or accept the following
14 examinations for licensing as determined by rule:

15 (1) a state board licensing examination;

16 (2) the Medical Council of Canada Examination (LMCC)
17 or its successor;

18 (3) the National Board of Osteopathic Medical
19 Examiners (NBOME) examination or its successor;

20 (4) the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)
21 examination or its successor;

22 (5) the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) with a
23 weighted average in one sitting before June 1985;

24 (6) the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) after
25 May 1985;

26 (7) the United States Medical Licensing Examination
27 (USMLE) or its successor;

1 (8) a combination of the examinations described by
2 Subdivisions (3) and (6) as determined by board rule; [~~or~~]

3 (9) a combination of the examinations described by
4 Subdivisions (4), (6), and (7) as determined by board rule; or

5 (10) any other examination substantially similar in
6 training requirements and rigor to the examinations an applicant is
7 otherwise required to pass for issuance of a license under this
8 chapter but that excludes testing on subjects described by Section
9 155.012(a)(2).

10 SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date
11 of this Act:

12 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
13 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
14 Subchapter D, Chapter 222, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
15 Act; and

16 (2) the Texas Medical Board shall adopt rules to
17 implement the alternate license to practice medicine in this state
18 as required by Section 155.012, Occupations Code, as added by this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.