

By: Perez of El Paso

H.B. No. 2852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a provisional license to practice medicine to certain foreign medical license holders with offers of employment; authorizing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.1015 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.1015. PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL LICENSE HOLDERS WITH OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT. (a) The board shall issue a provisional license to practice medicine to an applicant who resides in this state and who:

(1) has been licensed in good standing and actively practicing medicine in another country for three years immediately before applying for a provisional license under this section;

(2) has been granted a degree of doctor of medicine or a substantially similar degree by a program of medical education in another country;

(3) has been certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates;

(4) satisfies the examination requirements of Section 155.051;

(5) has completed three years of residency or substantially similar postgraduate medical training in the applicant's country of licensure;

1 (6) has been offered employment in this state by a
2 person who:

3 (A) provides health care services in the normal
4 course of business, including a health system, hospital,
5 hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility, or
6 urgent care clinic; and

7 (B) operates a postgraduate training program
8 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
9 Education;

10 (7) submits to a criminal history record information
11 check under Section 155.008;

12 (8) is authorized under federal law to work in the
13 United States; and

14 (9) applies for a provisional license under this
15 section in the manner prescribed by the board accompanied by the fee
16 established by the board.

17 (b) The holder of a provisional license under this section
18 may practice medicine only:

19 (1) under the supervision of a physician who holds an
20 unencumbered license to practice medicine in this state; and

21 (2) at a health care provider that meets the
22 requirements of Subsection (a)(6)(B).

23 (c) A provisional license issued under this section expires
24 on the second anniversary of the date the provisional license was
25 issued.

26 (d) On application, the board shall issue a license under
27 this subtitle to the holder of a provisional license under this

1 section if the provisional license holder is in good standing and
2 will have practiced under the provisional license for at least two
3 years at the time the license will be issued.

4 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas Medical
5 Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 155.1015,
6 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.