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H.B. No. 1973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the procedure to process an application for a  
3 physician's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 155.007, Occupations Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (h), (i), and (j) to read as follows:

7 (h) Not later than January 1 of each year:

8 (1) the executive director shall review the policy and  
9 procedures the board uses to issue licenses;

10 (2) the board shall perform a needs assessment to  
11 enable the board to determine the performance goals that the board  
12 must meet to reduce any unreasonable delays in the timely  
13 completion of the licensing process and to ensure the process is  
14 completed in a reasonable number of days; and

15 (3) the executive director shall issue a report to the  
16 governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the relevant committees  
17 of the senate and the house of representatives on the state of the  
18 board's licensing process.

19 (i) The report required under Subsection (h)(3) must  
20 include a projected yearly budget for board staffing and technology  
21 improvements that will allow the board to issue licenses within a  
22 reasonable number of days.

23 (j) The board and the executive director shall ensure that  
24 any change in licensing policies or procedures is made only to

1 increase the number of licenses issued under this chapter, reduce  
2 unreasonable delays in the licensing process, and maintain public  
3 safety.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.