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H.B. No. 3674

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the licensing requirements for a foreign-trained
3 physician applicant.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 155.004, Occupations Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 155.004. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
8 GRADUATES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. A license applicant
9 who is a graduate of a medical school that is located outside the
10 United States and Canada must present proof satisfactory to the
11 board that the applicant:

12 (1) is a graduate of a school whose curriculum meets
13 the requirements for an unapproved medical school as determined by
14 a committee of experts selected by the Texas Higher Education
15 Coordinating Board;

16 (2) has successfully completed at least three years of
17 graduate medical training in the United States or Canada that was
18 approved by the board;

19 (3) ~~[is eligible for a license to practice medicine in~~
20 ~~the country in which the school is located, except for any~~
21 ~~citizenship requirements,~~

22 [~~4~~] holds a valid certificate issued by the
23 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

24 (4) [~~5~~] is able to communicate in English.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to physician applicants submitting license applications under
3 Chapter 155, Occupations Code, on or after the effective date of
4 this Act. An application submitted before that date is covered by
5 the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this
6 Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.