

1-1 By: Schwertner, Hinojosa S.B. No. 674  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 30, 2017; February 15, 2017,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human  
 1-4 Services; March 14, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 674 By: Schwertner

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an expedited licensing process for certain physicians  
 1-22 specializing in psychiatry; authorizing a fee.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Section 155.010 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 155.010. EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR PHYSICIANS  
 1-27 SPECIALIZING IN PSYCHIATRY. (a) The board by rule shall create an  
 1-28 expedited licensing process for an applicant who:

1-29 (1) holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine  
 1-30 issued by another state;

1-31 (2) is board certified in psychiatry by the American  
 1-32 Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board  
 1-33 of Neurology and Psychiatry; and

1-34 (3) is not ineligible under Section 155.003(e).

1-35 (b) The expedited licensing process must include a  
 1-36 procedure for the board to screen applications under this subtitle  
 1-37 to determine whether an applicant would be eligible for the  
 1-38 expedited licensing process under this section.

1-39 (c) The requirements for renewal of a registration permit  
 1-40 for a license holder issued a license under this section may not be  
 1-41 more stringent than the requirements for a license holder issued a  
 1-42 license on a non-expedited basis.

1-43 (d) The board may establish a fee for the expedited process.

1-44 (e) This section expires January 1, 2022.

1-45 SECTION 2. The Texas Medical Board shall create and  
 1-46 implement the expedited licensing process under Section 155.010,  
 1-47 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1,  
 1-48 2018.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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