

1-1 By: Frank, et al. H.B. No. 879
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hagenbuch, et al.)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
 1-4 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-5 & Human Services; May 12, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the licensing of certain military veterans as health
 1-21 care providers.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 155.012 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 155.012. LICENSING OF CERTAIN MILITARY VETERANS. (a)
 1-26 In this section, "active duty" and "armed forces of the United
 1-27 States" have the meanings assigned by Section 55.001.

1-28 (b) The board shall issue a license to practice medicine to
 1-29 an applicant who:

1-30 (1) is licensed in good standing as a physician in
 1-31 another state;

1-32 (2) is a veteran of the armed forces of the United
 1-33 States who retired from or otherwise left military service not more
 1-34 than one year before the application date for a license under this
 1-35 section;

1-36 (3) was, at the time of retiring from or leaving
 1-37 military service:

1-38 (A) serving on active duty; and

1-39 (B) authorized as a physician to treat persons
 1-40 enlisted in the armed forces of the United States or veterans;

1-41 (4) was honorably discharged from military service;
 1-42 and

1-43 (5) has passed the Texas medical jurisprudence
 1-44 examination.

1-45 (c) The board may not issue a license under this section to
 1-46 an applicant who:

1-47 (1) holds a medical license or a license to prescribe,
 1-48 dispense, administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that:

1-49 (A) is currently under active investigation; or

1-50 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
 1-51 action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or

1-52 (2) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication
 1-53 community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under
 1-54 active investigation for the commission of:

1-55 (A) a felony; or

1-56 (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

1-57 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 204, Occupations Code, is
 1-58 amended by adding Section 204.159 to read as follows:

1-59 Sec. 204.159. LICENSING OF CERTAIN MILITARY VETERANS. (a)
 1-60 In this section, "active duty" and "armed forces of the United
 1-61 States" have the meanings assigned by Section 55.001.

