

1 community, as determined by the Office of Rural Community Affairs
2 [~~Center for Rural Health Initiatives~~]; or

3 (2) the applicant:

4 (A) has requested and is eligible for an
5 immigration visa waiver as described by Section 12.0127, Health and
6 Safety Code; and

7 (B) intends to practice medicine[+

8 [~~(A) accept employment with an entity located~~] in
9 a medically underserved area or health professional shortage area,
10 designated by the United States Department of Health and Human
11 Services, that has a current shortage of physicians [~~and affiliated~~
12 ~~with or participating in a public university-sponsored graduate~~
13 ~~medical education program,~~

14 [~~(B) serve on the faculty of the public~~
15 ~~university-sponsored graduate medical education program, and~~

16 [~~(C) engage in the practice of medicine and~~
17 ~~teaching in a specialty field of medicine that is necessary to~~
18 ~~obtain or maintain the accreditation of the public~~
19 ~~university-sponsored graduate medical education program by the~~
20 ~~Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education]~~.

21 SECTION 3. Section 51.949, Education Code, as added by
22 Chapter 1293, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001,
23 is repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

J. Caddell

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 558 passed the Senate on March 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 9, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 558 passed the House, with amendment, on May 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

27 MAY '03

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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