

CHAPTER 337

H.B. No. 97

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain persons for certification as respiratory care practitioners.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 15, Chapter 829, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 4512I, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15. TRANSITION. On payment of a fee set by the board of health, the board of health shall issue without examination a certificate to practice respiratory care to an applicant who, on the effective date of this Act, has passed the Certified Respiratory Care Technician or Registered Respiratory Care Provider examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization. An applicant who has not passed either of those examinations by the effective date of this Act but who, through written evidence verified by oath, demonstrates that the applicant is presently functioning in the capacity of a respiratory care practitioner is entitled to a temporary certificate to practice respiratory care until September 1, 1987. *The board of health shall issue a certificate to practice respiratory care to a person who holds such a temporary certificate if, not later than September 1, 1987, the person meets the examination requirements established by the board.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 4, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 19, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 11, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.