

## 2007 Board Rules Changes

The following is a summary of the changes that became effective on January 4, 2007. Click [here](#) for the complete board rules.

Chapter 163, Licensure - (60) days extension of emergency rule currently in effect, adding 163.14 Interpretation of Section 1.51(d), S.B. 419, relating to exam attempt requirements for those applicants in TMB Licensure system as of August 31, 2005.

Chapter 163, Licensure - amending 163.2, Definitions, to correct a reference; 163.5, Licensure Documentation to eliminate the requirement for all applicants to present certain documents to the Board, and 163.6, Examinations Accepted to Licensure regarding the Jurisprudence Examinations.

Repeal and Revision of Chapter 170, Pain Management - to substantially rewrite the current rule. The revised rule sets forth appropriate standards for good medical practice in the treatment of pain.

Chapter 183, Acupuncture - amending 183.2 Definitions, to allow licensing of an applicant who graduated from an acupuncture school that was in candidacy status at the time of graduation; 183.4 Licensure, to allow a showing of English proficiency by attending an acceptable approved school of acupuncture in the United State or Canada; 183.5 Annual Renewal of License, to provide for the automatic cancellation of a license that has been expired for more than one year; 183.15, Use of Professional Titles, to delete the requirement to include "Texas" in the title; and 183.20, Continuing Acupuncture Education, to delete references to "informal" CAE.

Chapter 187, Procedural Rules - amending 187.28, Discovery, to set forth a procedure for the identification of expert witnesses who may testify in cases before the State Office of Administrative Hearings.