## **2003 Board Rules Changes**

The following is a summary of the changes that were effective on November 30, 2003.

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Chapter 162, Supervision of Medical School Students. Repeal of §§162.1-162.3, and new §162.1 regarding the requirements for Texas physicians who supervise medical school students in Texas.

Chapter 163, Licensure. Amendments to §§163.1, 163.5, 163.6, 163.10, 163.13 regarding general cleanup of the sections; and changes relating to relicensure and the expedited licensure process consistent with the mandates of Senate Bill 104 and Senate Bill 558 of the 78th Legislature.

Chapter 166, Physician Registration. Amendments to §§166.1-166.6 regarding biennial registration as mandated by Senate Bill 104.

Chapter 171, Postgraduate Training Permits. Amendments to §171.2 regarding qualifications for postgraduate permit holders and temporary permits.

Chapter 173, Physician Profiles. Amendments to §§173.1, 173.3, and 173.4 that will make the sections consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 104 to remove the 10-year limitation in §173.1(b)(18)-(21) and add paragraph (25) regarding malpractice information, and outline the timeline for updating the profile following the filing of formal complaints.

Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications. Amendments to §§175.1, 175.2, and 175.4 regarding biennial registration fees for physicians; increased penalty fees for late physician registration; surcharges for physician assistant, acupuncture, and acudetox renewal; registration and penalty fees for surgical assistants; and fees for approval of continuing acupuncture education providers.

Chapter 178, Complaints. New §§178.1-178.8 concerning procedures for initiation, filing, and appeals of complaints. In addition, Chapter 188 of this title (relating to Complaint Procedure Notification) has been repealed and the text regarding the process for complaint procedure notification has been incorporated into this new chapter.

Chapter 179, Investigations. Repeal of §§179.1-179.5 and new §§179.1-179.7 regarding a system of procedures for the investigation of jurisdictional complaints.

Chapter 182, Use of Experts. New §§182.1-182.6 regarding the use of experts consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 104. The new sections establish procedures, qualifications and duties of these professionals serving as expert panel members, consultants and expert witnesses to the board.

Chapter 184, Surgical Assistants. Amendments to §§184.8 and 184.25 regarding biennial registration and annual continuing education requirements and repeal of §§184.10 and 184.11 regarding fees related to the renewal of expired licenses and schedule of fees. The repealed sections have been moved to Chapter 175 relating to Fees, Penalties, and Applications.

Chapter 185, Physician Assistants. Amendments to §185.7 regarding the Physician Assistant Board's designee being allowed to issue temporary licenses.

Chapter 187, Procedural Rules. Amendments to §187.2, 187.9, 187.13, 187.16, 187.18, 187.24, 187.44, 187.56, 187.57, 187.60, and the repeal. of §§187.5 and 187.40 concerning the timeline for scheduling informal settlement conferences; temporary suspension or restriction of licenses; required suspension or revocation of licenses for certain offenses; and ineligibility determinations for licensure applicants.

Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines. Repeal of §190.1; and new Subchapter A, §§190.1-190.2; new Subchapter B, §190.8; and new Subchapter C, §§190.14-190.15 regarding disciplinary guidelines in licensure and disciplinary matters. (Note: Proposed §190.16 is still pending adoption by the board.)

Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia. Amendments to §§192.2-192.4 and 192.6 regarding general cleanup of the sections and the creation of a process for biennial registration consistent with Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature.

Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders. New §193.11 regarding delegation and supervision of the use of lasers.

Chapter 196, Voluntary Surrender of a Medical License. Amendments to §§196.1-196.3 for general cleanup of the chapter.

NOTE: Chapter 168, Persons with Criminal Backgrounds and Chapter 188, Complaint Procedure Notification were repealed and no longer exist.