

## Rule Changes Effective January 5, 2020

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### RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

#### CHAPTER 163. LICENSURE

The amendments to **§163.13**, concerning Expedited Licensure, allows the Board to develop an expedited licensing process for certain applicants who also hold an out-of-state license in good standing. The amendments implement a legislative mandate in H.B. 1504 (86th Regular Legislative Session).

#### CHAPTER 182. USE OF EXPERTS

The amendments to Chapter 182, Use of Experts, 22 TAC **§§182.1, 182.3, 182.5, and 182.8**. The Board repealed §§182.2, 182.4, 182.6, and 182.7, for the purpose of restructuring Chapter 182.

The amendments to **§182.1**, relating to Purpose, is amended to clarify the scope of the rule and its applicability.

The amendments to **§182.3**, relating to Definitions, is amended to clarify definitions relating to role, purpose, and scope of various professionals utilized by the board.

The amendments to **§182.5**, relating to Expert Panel, is renamed "Expert Reviewer Qualifications" and amended to delete obsolete language and to change the order of identified certifying boards.

The amendments to **§182.8**, relating to Expert Physician Reviewers, deletes obsolete language regarding the processes and procedures applicable to the expert physician reviewers. The amendments to §182.8 implement the legislative mandate passed in HB 1504 (86th Regular Legislative Session) relating to expert panel reports and providing each reviewer report to the affected licensee and the content of each report. This amendment also adds language requiring notice to the panel when a case involves Complementary and Alternative Medicine.