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RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

CHAPTER 182. USE OF EXPERTS

The amendments to **§182.8**, concerning Expert Physician Reviewers, removes language from subsection (c) which requires that a report, prepared by an expert reviewer, include the expert's general qualifications; the rule is further amended to add language requiring the expert's specialty areas be included in such reports.

CHAPTER 188. PERFUSIONISTS

The amendments to **§188.5**, concerning Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, removes language from subsection (a)(6) requiring a "sworn" application. This change is in accordance with and pursuant to the passage of SB 674 (85th Regular Session), which amended §603.252 of the Texas Occupations Code.

The amendments to **§188.9**, concerning License Renewal, removes the reference to "affidavit" which infers that an application for renewal is a "sworn" application. This change is in accordance with and pursuant to the passage of SB 674 (85th Regular Session), which amended §603.252 of the Texas Occupations Code.

CHAPTER 189. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The amendments to **§189.15**, concerning Determination of Successful Completion of an Order, amend the language in subsection (d) to clarify the provisions related to tolling and extension of an Order's time period resulting from tolling. The amendments also add a new subsection (e) to include a description of "partial tolling" and new subsection (f) to delineate the terms, requirements or conditions that may not be tolled.

CHAPTER 193. STANDING DELEGATION ORDERS

The amendments to **§193.8**, concerning Prescriptive Authority Agreements: Minimum Requirements, changes the requirements set forth in paragraphs (9) - (11) and adds a new paragraph (12), relating to the frequency physicians must meet with physician assistants to whom they delegate and supervise. These changes are in accordance with, and pursuant to, the passage of SB 1625 (85th Regular Session), which amended §157.0512 of the Texas Occupations Code.

CHAPTER 194. MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

SUBCHAPTER B. NON-CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS SUPERVISED BY PHYSICIANS

The repeal of Chapter 194, Subchapter B, **§§194.34 - 194.43**, concerning Medical Radiologic Technology, was adopted in accordance with Senate Bill No. 674 (85th Legislature, R.S.), which repealed requirements under §601.252 of the Texas Occupations Code related to the Medical Board's registration of non-certified technicians (NCT) employed by physicians. The Medical Board provides administrative resources to support the Medical Radiologic Technology Board's general registry for NCTs performing radiologic procedures in Texas. The repeal will eliminate inefficiencies related to Medical Board's resources allocated to supporting a second registry for a subset of NCTs working for physicians.