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### Medical Board Suspends San Antonio Physician @s License

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners today suspended the license of Scott Shaw McNeill, M.D., based on evidence and information that his continuance in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The temporary suspension is based on habitual use of alcohol, unprofessional conduct, and violation of a prior order of the board. The allegations related to the application for temporary suspension are to be the subject of a disciplinary hearing as soon as can be accomplished under the administrative procedure act and medical practice act.

The temporary suspension order shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a subsequent order of the board.

## Simpler Physician Licensure Applications Now Available

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has responded to complaints from physicians trying to get licensed in Texas that the process takes too long. The old system, first-come, first-served, is being replaced with a triage system. The new system will not sacrifice the current quality of the licensure investigation process and will continue to ensure that a license is granted only after adequate background review indicates the physician is competent to practice in Texas.

The new system identifies uncomplicated applications for routing to a fast track to expedite approval. Applications with questionable history or non-standard documents will be routed to a standard track for comprehensive review and scrutiny.

The change includes a new licensure application form reduced from 49 pages to fewer than 12. The form includes improved instructions to reduce the possibility or errors and omissions that slow the process. There are separate application packets for use depending on the type of applicant and type of licensure: US or Canadian graduate, international medical school graduate, relicensure or reissue application, or telemedicine application. The new forms are available on TMB s web site at

http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/professionals/physicians/applicants/licapp.php

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