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RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

CHAPTER 161. PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

The adopted new rules, **§161.48**, titled Physician Graduates, and new rule **§161.53**, titled Provisional License to Foreign Medical License Holders with Offers of Employment, are mandated by the passage of HB 2038 (89th Regular Legislative Session) which amended the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 155. HB 2038, known as the "DOCTOR Act," provides new pathways to licensing foreign trained physicians and medical school graduates who do not match into a resident training program.

The adopted rules changes are published in the *Texas Register*, January 2, 2026 issue.