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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY:

*Matt Krause*

1 Amend S.B. No. 303 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 82, Government Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 82.040 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 82.040. CLAIM OR DEFENSE FOR PROHIBITED RULE OR  
7 POLICY. (a) A person may assert as an affirmative action in an  
8 administrative hearing, or as a claim or defense in a judicial  
9 proceeding under Chapter 37, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, that  
10 a rule or policy of the Board of Law Examiners or a penalty imposed  
11 by the board:

12 (1) limits the ability of an applicant for a license  
13 under this chapter to be licensed based on a sincerely held  
14 religious belief of the applicant; or

15 (2) burdens a license holder's:

16 (A) free exercise of religion, regardless of  
17 whether the burden is the result of a rule generally applicable to  
18 all license holders;

19 (B) freedom of speech regarding a sincerely held  
20 religious belief; or

21 (C) membership in any religious organization.

22 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a rule or policy  
23 adopted, or a penalty imposed, by the Board of Law Examiners that  
24 results in a limitation or burden described by Subsection (a) if the  
25 rule, policy, or penalty is:

26 (1) essential to enforcing a compelling governmental  
27 purpose; and

28 (2) narrowly tailored to accomplish that purpose.

29 (c) A person may bring an action for injunctive relief

1 against a violation of this section.

2           SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 82.040, Government Code, as added by  
3 this Act, applies only to a rule or policy of or a penalty imposed by  
4 the Board of Law Examiners on or after the effective date of this  
5 Act.



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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Matt Krause

1 Amend S.B. No. 303 by adding the following appropriately  
2 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of  
3 the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 82.022, Government Code, is amended  
5 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

6 (a-1) In adopting rules on eligibility for examination for a  
7 license to practice law, the supreme court shall ensure that no rule  
8 limits, hinders, disadvantages, or otherwise adversely affects a  
9 person's admission to the practice of law on the basis of a person's  
10 sincerely held religious belief.



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 17 MAY 12 PM 4:11

BY: Valerie Swanson

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

1 Amend S.B. No. 303 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_. Section 82.024, Government Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 82.024. LAW STUDY REQUIREMENTS; ELIGIBILITY FOR  
7 EXAMINATION. (a) A person who has completed the prescribed  
8 study in an approved law school has satisfied the law study  
9 requirements for taking the examination for a license to  
10 practice law and is eligible to take the bar examination. An  
11 approved law school is one that is approved by the supreme court  
12 for the time period designated by the court as maintaining the  
13 additional standards to retain approval.

14 (b) Notwithstanding Sections 82.0241 and 82.036, a person  
15 satisfies the law study requirements for taking the examination  
16 for a license to practice law under Subsection (a) and is  
17 eligible to take the bar examination if the person:

18 (1) is licensed to practice law in another state of  
19 the United States; and

20 (2) satisfies all other requirements for a license to  
21 practice law in this state.

22 (c) This subsection and Subsection (b) expire on January 1,  
23 2020.

24 SECTION \_\_. Section 82.024, Government Code, as amended by  
25 this Act, applies only to a person applying to take the  
26 examination for a license to practice law on or after the  
27 effective date of this Act.