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H.B. No. 512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption for certain physicians from the requirement to pay a registration fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 156.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a physician who is at least 70 years of age may renew the physician's registration permit without paying the fee for renewal of a registration permit. A physician who is at least 70 years of age and who resides outside this state must pay the renewal fee to renew the physician's registration permit.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act by the enactment of Section 156.002(c), Occupations Code, applies to the renewal of a registration permit that expires on or after the effective date of this Act. A registration permit that expires before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the registration permit expired, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.