

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from annual registration fees for a retired physician who provides volunteer medical services in a disaster.

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) A retired physician whose only practice is voluntary medical care for a disaster relief organization is exempt from the registration permit fee requirement.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a registration permit fee that becomes due on or after the effective date of this Act. A registration permit fee that becomes due before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the fee became due, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2158 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2158 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor