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AN ACT

relating to the provision of voluntary charity care by certain retired dentists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 256.102, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(c) A license holder on retired status:

(1) is not required to pay license renewal fees; and

(2) except as provided by Subsection (f), may not perform any activity regulated under this subtitle.

(f) A dentist on retired status may perform an activity regulated under this subtitle if the dentist's practice consists only of voluntary charity care, as defined by board rule. The board's rules under this subsection must prescribe the scope of practice permitted for the retired dentist, the retired dentist's authority to prescribe and administer drugs, and any continuing education requirements applicable to the retired dentist.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt rules under Subsection (f), Section 256.102, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2006.

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