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S.B. No. 196

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

8 (c) A license holder on retired status:

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

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

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

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

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