

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 196  
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1-4 Services; March 3, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the provision of voluntary charity care by certain  
1-9 retired dentists.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 256.102, Occupations Code, is amended by  
1-12 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 (c) A license holder on retired status:

1-15 (1) is not required to pay license renewal fees; and

1-16 (2) except as provided by Subsection (f), may not  
1-17 perform any activity regulated under this subtitle.

1-18 (f) A dentist on retired status may perform an activity  
1-19 regulated under this subtitle if the dentist's practice consists  
1-20 only of voluntary charity care, as defined by board rule. The  
1-21 board's rules under this subsection must prescribe the scope of  
1-22 practice permitted for the retired dentist, the retired dentist's  
1-23 authority to prescribe and administer drugs, and any continuing  
1-24 education requirements applicable to the retired dentist.

1-25 SECTION 2. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt  
1-26 rules under Subsection (f), Section 256.102, Occupations Code, as  
1-27 added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2006.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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