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H.B. No. 643

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the renewal of an expired dental license for a dentist practicing voluntary charity care.

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

SECTION 1. Section 257.002, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1) or (d-2), a [A] person whose license has been expired for one year or more may not renew the license. The person may obtain a new license by complying with the requirements and procedures, including the examination requirements, for obtaining an original license.

(d-2) The board may renew the license of a person whose license has been expired for one year or more without requiring the person to comply with the requirements and procedures for an original license if the person places the person's renewed license on retired status and confines the person's practice solely to voluntary charity care under Section 256.102(f).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.