

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 643 was passed by the House on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 643 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor