

1-1 By: Hughes, Branch (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 643  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;  
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 11, 2007, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the renewal of an expired dental license for a dentist  
1-9 practicing voluntary charity care.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 257.002, Occupations Code, is amended by  
1-12 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1) or (d-2), a [A]  
1-15 person whose license has been expired for one year or more may not  
1-16 renew the license. The person may obtain a new license by complying  
1-17 with the requirements and procedures, including the examination  
1-18 requirements, for obtaining an original license.

1-19 (d-2) The board may renew the license of a person whose  
1-20 license has been expired for one year or more without requiring the  
1-21 person to comply with the requirements and procedures for an  
1-22 original license if the person places the person's renewed license  
1-23 on retired status and confines the person's practice solely to  
1-24 voluntary charity care under Section 256.102(f).

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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