

AN ACT

relating to the temporary licensing of a dentist who performs voluntary charity care.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 256.1016 to read as follows:

Sec. 256.1016. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

(a) In this section, "voluntary charity care" has the meaning assigned by board rule under Section 256.102.

(b) The board shall grant a temporary license for a dentist whose practice consists only of voluntary charity care to a reputable dentist who meets the requirements of Sections 256.101(a)(3), (4), and (5) and who:

(1) ceased practicing dentistry in another state that the board has determined has licensing requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements of this state not more than two years before the date the dentist applies for a license under this section and was licensed in good standing at the time the dentist ceased practicing dentistry; or

(2) is currently licensed in another state that the board has determined has licensing requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements of this state.

(c) A dentist issued a license under this section shall:

(1) confine the dentist's practice to voluntary

1 charity care;

2 (2) practice only in a geographic area specified by  
3 the license; and

4 (3) practice only for the period specified by the  
5 license.

6 (d) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement  
7 this section.

8 (e) The board shall take disciplinary action against a  
9 dentist licensed under this section for a violation of this  
10 subtitle or board rules in the same manner as against a dentist  
11 licensed under Subchapter A.

12 SECTION 2. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt  
13 rules as necessary to implement Section 256.1016, Occupations Code,  
14 as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1491 was passed by the House on April 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1491 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor