

By: Branch

H.B. No. 1491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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:

(1) meets the requirements of Sections 256.101(a)(3), (4), and (5);

(2) ceased practicing dentistry in another state not more than two years before the date the dentist applies for a license under this section; and

(3) was licensed in good standing as a dentist in another state at the time the dentist ceased practicing dentistry in that state, if the board determines the licensing requirements of that state are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this subtitle.

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

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