

1-1 By: Branch, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 1491  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2013;  
 1-3 April 24, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 and Human Services; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Taylor			X	
1-13 Uresti			X	
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the temporary licensing of a dentist who performs  
 1-20 voluntary charity care.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Occupations Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 256.1016 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 256.1016. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSE.  
 1-25 (a) In this section, "voluntary charity care" has the meaning  
 1-26 assigned by board rule under Section 256.102.

1-27 (b) The board shall grant a temporary license for a dentist  
 1-28 whose practice consists only of voluntary charity care to a  
 1-29 reputable dentist who meets the requirements of Sections  
 1-30 256.101(a)(3), (4), and (5) and who:

1-31 (1) ceased practicing dentistry in another state that  
 1-32 the board has determined has licensing requirements that are  
 1-33 substantially similar to the requirements of this state not more  
 1-34 than two years before the date the dentist applies for a license  
 1-35 under this section and was licensed in good standing at the time the  
 1-36 dentist ceased practicing dentistry; or

1-37 (2) is currently licensed in another state that the  
 1-38 board has determined has licensing requirements that are  
 1-39 substantially similar to the requirements of this state.

1-40 (c) A dentist issued a license under this section shall:

1-41 (1) confine the dentist's practice to voluntary  
 1-42 charity care;

1-43 (2) practice only in a geographic area specified by  
 1-44 the license; and

1-45 (3) practice only for the period specified by the  
 1-46 license.

1-47 (d) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement  
 1-48 this section.

1-49 (e) The board shall take disciplinary action against a  
 1-50 dentist licensed under this section for a violation of this  
 1-51 subtitle or board rules in the same manner as against a dentist  
 1-52 licensed under Subchapter A.

1-53 SECTION 2. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt  
 1-54 rules as necessary to implement Section 256.1016, Occupations Code,  
 1-55 as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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