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S.B. No. 61

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of military physicians who provide voluntary charity health care.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. CERTAIN TEMPORARY OR LIMITED LICENSES OR PERMITS

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 155.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 155.103. MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER LICENSE. (a) The board shall adopt rules relating to the issuance of a military limited volunteer license under this section.

(b) The board may issue a military limited volunteer license to practice medicine to an applicant who:

(1) is licensed and in good standing, or was licensed and retired in good standing, as a physician in another state;

(2) is or was authorized as a physician to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of the United States armed forces or veterans; and

(3) meets any other requirement prescribed by board rule.

(c) The board may not issue a license under this section to an applicant who:

(1) holds a medical license that:

1 (A) is currently under active investigation; or
2 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
3 action or to denial by another jurisdiction;

4 (2) holds a license to prescribe, dispense,
5 administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that:

6 (A) is currently under active investigation; or
7 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
8 action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or

9 (3) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication
10 community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under
11 active investigation for the commission of:

12 (A) a felony; or

13 (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

14 (d) A physician may practice medicine under a license
15 issued under this section only at a clinic that primarily treats
16 indigent patients. The physician may not receive compensation for
17 medical services rendered at the clinic.

18 (e) A military limited volunteer license holder is subject
19 to board rules, including rules regarding disciplinary action,
20 license registration and renewal, and continuing medical
21 education.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.