

1-1 By: Nelson, et al. S.B. No. 61  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2012; January 28, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
 1-4 Services; February 18, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 18, 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 licensing and regulation of military physicians who  
 1-20 provide voluntary charity health care.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 155,  
 1-23 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER C. CERTAIN TEMPORARY OR LIMITED LICENSES OR PERMITS

1-25 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 155.103 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 155.103. MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER LICENSE. (a) The  
 1-28 board shall adopt rules relating to the issuance of a military  
 1-29 limited volunteer license under this section.

1-30 (b) The board may issue a military limited volunteer license  
 1-31 to practice medicine to an applicant who:

1-32 (1) is licensed and in good standing, or was licensed  
 1-33 and retired in good standing, as a physician in another state;

1-34 (2) is or was authorized as a physician to treat  
 1-35 personnel enlisted in a branch of the United States armed forces or  
 1-36 veterans; and

1-37 (3) meets any other requirement prescribed by board  
 1-38 rule.

1-39 (c) The board may not issue a license under this section to  
 1-40 an applicant who:

1-41 (1) holds a medical license that:

1-42 (A) is currently under active investigation; or

1-43 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or  
 1-44 action or to denial by another jurisdiction;

1-45 (2) holds a license to prescribe, dispense,  
 1-46 administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that:

1-47 (A) is currently under active investigation; or

1-48 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or  
 1-49 action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or

1-50 (3) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication  
 1-51 community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under  
 1-52 active investigation for the commission of:

1-53 (A) a felony; or

1-54 (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

1-55 (d) A physician may practice medicine under a license issued  
 1-56 under this section only at a clinic that primarily treats indigent  
 1-57 patients. The physician may not receive compensation for medical  
 1-58 services rendered at the clinic.

1-59 (e) A military limited volunteer license holder is subject  
 1-60 to board rules, including rules regarding disciplinary action,  
 1-61 license registration and renewal, and continuing medical

2-1 education.

2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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