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H.B. No. 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of certain military dentists and dental hygienists who provide voluntary charity dental or dental hygiene 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 256.1017 to read as follows:

Sec. 256.1017. 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 dentistry to a dentist or a military limited volunteer license to practice dental hygiene to a dental hygienist who:

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

(2) is or was authorized as a dentist or dental hygienist 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 dental or dental hygienist 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 dentist or dental hygienist may practice dentistry or  
15 dental hygiene under a license issued under this section only at a  
16 clinic that primarily treats indigent patients. The dentist or  
17 dental hygienist may not receive compensation for dental or dental  
18 hygiene services rendered at the clinic.

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

22           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.