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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

By: Peters

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An Act relating to professions and occupations; authorizing issuance of special volunteer licenses for certain physicians and dentists; specifying purpose; prohibiting collection of certain fees; prohibiting requiring continuing education; specifying certain requirements; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 493.5 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is established a special volunteer medical license for physicians who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy persons or persons in medically underserved areas of the state. The special volunteer medical license shall be:

1. Issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to eligible physicians;
2. Issued without the payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee;
3. Issued or renewed without any continuing education requirements;
4. Issued for a fiscal year or part thereof; and
5. Renewable annually upon approval of the Board.

B. A physician must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer medical license:

1. Completion of a special volunteer medical license application, including documentation of the physician's medical school graduation and practice history;

2. Documentation that the physician has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and that he or she has never been the subject of any medical disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;

3. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician's practice under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or persons in medically underserved areas in Oklahoma; and

4. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician will not receive or have the expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, for any medical services rendered under the special volunteer medical license.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 635.1 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is established a special volunteer medical license for physicians who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy persons or persons in medically underserved areas of the state. The special volunteer medical license shall be:

1. Issued by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to eligible physicians;

2. Issued without a payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee;

3. Issued or renewed without any continuing education requirements;

4. Issued for a fiscal year or part thereof; and

5. Renewable annually upon approval of the Board.

B. A physician must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer medical license:

1. Completion of a special volunteer medical license application, including documentation of the physician's osteopathic school graduation and practice history;

2. Documentation that the physician has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and that he or she has never been the subject of any medical disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;

3. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician's practice under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or persons in medically underserved areas in Oklahoma; and

4. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician will not receive or have the expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, for any medical services rendered under the special volunteer medical license.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 328.21a of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is established a special volunteer dental license for dentists who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the dental care and treatment of indigent and needy persons or persons in underserved areas of the state. The special volunteer dental license shall be:

1. Issued by the Board of Dentistry to eligible dentists;

2. Issued without the payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee;

3. Issued or renewed without any continuing education requirements;

4. Issued for a fiscal year or part thereof; and

5. Renewable annually upon approval of the Board.

B. A dentist must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer dental license:

1. Completion of a special volunteer dental license application, including documentation of the dentist's dental school graduation and practice history;

2. Documentation that the dentist has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license to practice dentistry in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and that he or she has never been the subject of any medical disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;

3. Acknowledgement and documentation that the dentist's practice under the special volunteer dental license will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing dental care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or persons in underserved areas in Oklahoma; and

4. Acknowledgement and documentation that the dentist will not receive or have the expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, for any dental services rendered under the special volunteer dental license.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

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