

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1311

By: Rice, Coates and Crain of
the Senate

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4 Cox of the House
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7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2003, as last
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2009 (59
10 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 493.5), which relates to
11 special volunteer license; modifying time period for
issuance and renewal of certain license; allowing
electronic verification of certain information;
requiring certain written acknowledgement; and
declaring an emergency.

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

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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L.

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2003, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2009 (59

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O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 493.5), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 493.5 A. 1. There is established a special volunteer

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license for eligible volunteers from a medically related field who

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are retired from active practice or actively licensed in another

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state and practicing in that state and wish to donate their

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expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy persons

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of this state.

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2. For purposes of this section:

- 1 a. "eligible volunteer" means a physician, physician
2 assistant, nurse, dentist, optometrist or pharmacist,
3 and
4 b. "nurse" means an advanced practice nurse, advanced
5 registered nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or
6 licensed practical nurse.

7 3. The special volunteer license shall be:

- 8 a. issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure and
9 Supervision to eligible physicians and physician
10 assistants, by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to
11 eligible nurses, the Board of Dentistry to eligible
12 dentists, the Board of Examiners in Optometry to
13 eligible optometrists, and by the Board of Pharmacy to
14 eligible pharmacists,
15 b. issued without the payment of an application fee,
16 license fee or renewal fee,
17 c. issued or renewed without any continuing education
18 requirements in this state,
19 d. issued for ~~a fiscal year or part thereof~~ a period of
20 time to be determined by the applicable board, and
21 e. renewable ~~annually~~ upon approval of the applicable
22 Board.

23 B. An eligible volunteer shall meet the following requirements
24 before obtaining a special volunteer license:

- 1 1. Completion of a special volunteer license application,
2 including, as applicable, documentation of:
- 3 a. the medical school graduation of the physician,
 - 4 b. the completion of a physician assistant program by a
5 physician assistant,
 - 6 c. the completion of the basic professional curricula of
7 a school of nursing by the nurse,
 - 8 d. the dental school graduation of the dentist,
 - 9 e. the optometry school graduation of the optometrist, or
 - 10 f. the school or college of pharmacy graduation of a
11 pharmacist, and
 - 12 g. the relevant practice history of the applicant;
- 13 2. Documentation or electronic verification that the eligible
14 volunteer has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license
15 to practice in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and
16 written acknowledgment that he or she has never been the subject of
17 any professional disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;
- 18 3. ~~Acknowledgement and documentation~~ Written acknowledgement
19 that the practice of the eligible volunteer under the special
20 volunteer license will be exclusively and totally devoted to
21 providing care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or to
22 providing care under the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps; and
- 23 4. ~~Acknowledgement and documentation~~ Written acknowledgement
24 that the eligible volunteer shall not receive or have the

1 expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or
2 indirect, for any services rendered in this state under the special
3 volunteer license. The only exception to the indirect compensation
4 provision is for those out-of-state physicians, physician
5 assistants, nurses, dentists, optometrists or pharmacists that
6 participate in the free care given by means of Telemedicine through
7 the Shriners Hospitals for Children national network.

8 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

12 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2010.

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