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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Senate Bill No. 1311

SENATE BILL NO. 1311 - By: Rice of the Senate and Cox of the House.

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2003, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2009 (59 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 493.5), which relates to special volunteer license; modifying time period for issuance and renewal of certain license; allowing electronic verification of certain information; requiring certain written acknowledgement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2003, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2009 (59 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 493.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 493.5 A. 1. There is established a special volunteer license for eligible volunteers from a medically related field who are retired from active practice or actively licensed in another state and practicing in that state and wish to donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy persons of this state.

2. For purposes of this section:

- a. "eligible volunteer" means a physician, physician assistant, nurse, dentist, optometrist or pharmacist, and

1 b. "nurse" means an advanced practice nurse, advanced
2 registered nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or
3 licensed practical nurse.

4 3. The special volunteer license shall be:

5 a. issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure and
6 Supervision to eligible physicians and physician
7 assistants, by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to
8 eligible nurses, the Board of Dentistry to eligible
9 dentists, the Board of Examiners in Optometry to
10 eligible optometrists, and by the Board of Pharmacy to
11 eligible pharmacists,

12 b. issued without the payment of an application fee,
13 license fee or renewal fee,

14 c. issued or renewed without any continuing education
15 requirements in this state,

16 d. issued for ~~a fiscal year or part thereof~~ a period of
17 time to be determined by the applicable board, and

18 e. renewable ~~annually~~ upon approval of the applicable
19 Board.

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

22 1. Completion of a special volunteer license application,
23 including, as applicable, documentation of:

- 1 a. the medical school graduation of the physician,
2 b. the completion of a physician assistant program by a
3 physician assistant,
4 c. the completion of the basic professional curricula of
5 a school of nursing by the nurse,
6 d. the dental school graduation of the dentist,
7 e. the optometry school graduation of the optometrist, or
8 f. the school or college of pharmacy graduation of a
9 pharmacist, and
10 g. the relevant practice history of the applicant;

11 2. Documentation or electronic verification that the eligible
12 volunteer has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license
13 to practice in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and
14 written acknowledgment that he or she has never been the subject of
15 any professional disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;

16 3. ~~Acknowledgement and documentation~~ Written acknowledgement
17 that the practice of the eligible volunteer under the special
18 volunteer license will be exclusively and totally devoted to
19 providing care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or to
20 providing care under the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps; and

21 4. ~~Acknowledgement and documentation~~ Written acknowledgement
22 that the eligible volunteer shall not receive or have the
23 expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or

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

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, dated
9 2-4-10 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.