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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dentists - Licensure of Retired Volunteer Dentists**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a license for a retired volunteer dentist to practice
4 dentistry in the State; providing for the qualifications and the application
5 procedure for the license; providing for certain limitations on the authority to
6 practice dentistry with a retired volunteer dentist's license; and generally
7 relating to the practice of dentistry by a retired volunteer dentist.

8 BY renumbering
9 Article - Health Occupations
10 Section 4-304(c) and 4-308(c) through (f), respectively
11 to be Section 4-304(d) and 4-308(d) through (g), respectively
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 4-101(i) and (k)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Health Occupations
21 Section 4-302(i), 4-304(c), and 4-308(c)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 4-304(c) and 4-308(c) through (f), respectively, of
26 Article - Health Occupations of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be
27 Section(s) 4-304(d) and 4-308(d) through (g), respectively.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

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Article - Health Occupations

4 4-101.

5 (i) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license
6 issued by the Board to:

7 (i) Practice dentistry; or

8 (ii) Practice dental hygiene.

9 (2) "License" includes, unless the context requires otherwise:

10 (i) A general license to practice dentistry;

11 (ii) A limited license to practice dentistry;

12 (iii) A teacher's license to practice dentistry;

13 (iv) A general license to practice dental hygiene; [and]

14 (v) A teacher's license to practice dental hygiene; AND

15 (VI) A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE
16 DENTISTRY.

17 (k) (1) "Licensed dentist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
18 dentist who is licensed by the Board to practice dentistry.

19 (2) "Licensed dentist" includes, unless the context requires otherwise, a
20 holder of:

21 (i) A general license to practice dentistry;

22 (ii) A limited license to practice dentistry; [or]

23 (iii) A teacher's license to practice dentistry; OR

24 (IV) A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE
25 DENTISTRY.

26 4-302.

27 (I) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), (C), AND (D)
28 OF THIS SECTION, TO QUALIFY FOR A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO
29 PRACTICE DENTISTRY, THE APPLICANT SHALL:

1 (1) HAVE HAD A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY ISSUED
2 UNDER THIS TITLE WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS;

3 (2) COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THAT
4 THE BOARD ESTABLISHES FOR A GENERAL LICENSE; AND

5 (3) PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES AS REQUIRED UNDER § 4-308(C) OF THIS
6 TITLE.

7 4-304.

8 (C) TO APPLY FOR A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE
9 DENTISTRY, AN APPLICANT:

10 (1) SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT
11 THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND

12 (2) MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN APPLICATION FEE.

13 4-308.

14 (C) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO
15 PRACTICE DENTISTRY ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO
16 PRACTICE DENTISTRY:

17 (1) ONLY IN A DENTAL OFFICE, DENTAL CLINIC, AMBULATORY CARE
18 FACILITY, OR HOSPITAL;

19 (2) ONLY FOR AN ENTITY PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR,
20 ELDERLY, OR HANDICAPPED THAT IS OPERATED BY:

21 (I) THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

22 (II) A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; OR

23 (III) ANY OTHER SETTING AUTHORIZED UNDER REGULATIONS
24 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;

25 (3) IF THE DENTIST SIGNS A WRITTEN STATEMENT AGREEING TO
26 DONATE AT LEAST 100 HOURS OF DENTAL SERVICES WITHOUT COMPENSATION IN A
27 FACILITY THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (D)(1) AND (2) OF
28 THIS SECTION;

29 (4) IF THE DENTIST PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY THE
30 BOARD WHICH EVIDENCES THAT THE LICENSEE IS COVERED BY MALPRACTICE
31 INSURANCE; AND

32 (5) IF THE DENTIST DOES NOT OTHERWISE PRACTICE DENTISTRY FOR
33 PROFIT.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2000.