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Senate Bill 691 (Senators Hollinger and Lawlah)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Dentistry - Licensure of Retired Volunteer Dentists and Dental Hygienists

This bill authorizes the Board of Dentistry to issue a license to practice dentistry to a retired volunteer dentist if the applicant: (1) has had a general license to practice dentistry within the last two years; (2) has completed the continuing education requirements that the board establishes for a general license; and (3) provides dental services in certain circumstances. A retired volunteer dentist may only provide dental services in a dental office, clinic, ambulatory care facility, or hospital for a charitable or public entity providing medical care to the poor, elderly, or disabled. The applicant must agree to donate at least 100 hours of dental services without compensation, provide proof of malpractice insurance, and not practice dentistry for profit. The bill also authorizes the board to issue a license to practice dental hygiene to a retired dental hygienist who meets similar requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any applications could be handled with existing budgeted Board of Dentistry finances. The bill specifically prohibits the board from charging an application fee for licensure.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no provisions to allow a retired dentist or dental hygienist to practice without holding a current general license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1107 (Delegate Guns, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

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