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SENATE BILL 1404

Short Title: License Volunteer Physicians.

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Sponsors: Senators Rand; Edwards, Forrester, and Little.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO ISSUE, FOR A FEE, LIMITED VOLUNTEER LICENSES TO CERTAIN PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES TO PROVIDE SERVICES WITHOUT COMPENSATION AT CLINICS SPECIALIZING IN THE CARE OF INDIGENT PATIENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-12 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-12. ~~Limited license.~~ **license; limited volunteer license.**

(a) The Board may, whenever in its opinion the conditions of the locality where the applicant resides are such as to render it advisable, make any modifications of the requirements of G.S. 90-9, 90-10, and 90-11 as in its judgment the interests of the people living in that locality may demand, and may issue to the applicant a special license, to be entitled a 'Limited License,' authorizing the holder of the limited license to practice medicine and surgery within the limits only of the districts specifically described therein. A resident's training license shall expire at the time its holder ceases to be a resident in the training program or obtains any other license to practice medicine issued by the Board. The holder of the limited license practicing medicine or surgery beyond the boundaries of the districts as laid down in said license shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall only be fined not less than twenty-five dollars

1 (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each and every offense; and the Board
2 may revoke the limited license, in its discretion, after due notice.

3 (b) As used in ~~this section~~: subsection (a):

4 (1) 'Limited license' includes a resident's training license.

5 (2) 'Resident training license' means a license to practice in a medical
6 education and training program, approved by the Board, for the purpose
7 of education or training."

8 (c) The Board shall issue to an applicant a special license, to be entitled a 'Limited
9 Volunteer License,' authorizing the holder of the limited license to practice medicine and
10 surgery only at clinics which specialize in the treatment of indigent patients. The holder
11 of a limited license issued pursuant to this subsection may not receive compensation for
12 services rendered at clinics specializing in the care of indigent patients. The Board may
13 charge a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for issuance of this limited license. The Board shall
14 issue a limited license under this subsection to an applicant who:

15 (1) Has a license to practice medicine and surgery in another state;

16 (2) Produces a letter from the state of licensure indicating the applicant is in
17 good standing; and

18 (3) Is authorized to treat personnel enlisted in the United States armed
19 services or veterans.

20 The Board shall issue a limited license under this subsection within 30 days after an
21 applicant provides the Board with information satisfying the requirements of this
22 subsection.

23 The holder of a limited license issued pursuant to this subsection who practices
24 medicine or surgery at places other than clinics which specialize in the treatment of
25 indigent patients shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall only
26 be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for
27 each and every offense; and the Board may revoke the limited license, in its discretion,
28 after due notice."

29 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.