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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PHYSICIAN LICENSING AND REGISTRATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Effective January 1, 1998, G.S. 90-15.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-15.1. Registration every two years year with Board.

Every person licensed to practice medicine by the North Carolina Medical Board shall, ~~during the month of January in every odd-numbered year,~~ prior to January 31 of each year, register with the Board. A person who registers with the Board shall report to the Board the person's name and office and residence address and any other information required by the Board, and shall pay a registration fee fixed by the Board not in excess of ~~two one hundred dollars (\$200.00)-(\$100.00).~~ For purposes of annual registration, the Board shall use a simplified registration form which allows registrants to confirm information on file with the Board. A physician who fails to register ~~when required by~~ January 31 shall pay an additional fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Board. ~~Should a physician fail to register and pay the fees imposed, and should such failure continue for a period~~

1 of 30 days, the license of such physician may be suspended by the Board, after notice and
2 hearing at the next regular meeting of the Board. The license of any physician who fails to
3 register and said failure continues for a period of 30 days after certified notice of said
4 failure, is automatically suspended. Upon payment of all accumulated fees and ~~penalties~~
5 ~~which are due, penalties,~~ the license of the physician may be reinstated, subject to the
6 Board requiring the physician to appear before the Board for an interview and to comply
7 with other licensing requirements."

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 1997 registration fee fixed
9 by the Board pursuant to G.S. 90-15.1 shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

10 Sec. 2. G.S. 90-12 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 90-12. Limited license; limited volunteer license.**

12 (a) The Board may, whenever in its opinion the conditions of the locality where
13 the applicant resides are such as to render it advisable, make any modifications of the
14 requirements of G.S. 90-9, 90-10, and 90-11 as in its judgment the interests of the people
15 living in that locality may demand, and may issue to the applicant a special license, to be
16 entitled a 'Limited License,' authorizing the holder of the limited license to practice
17 medicine and surgery within the limits only of the districts specifically described therein.
18 A resident's training license shall expire at the time its holder ceases to be a resident in
19 the training program or obtains any other license to practice medicine issued by the
20 Board. The holder of the limited license practicing medicine or surgery beyond the
21 boundaries of the districts as laid down in said license shall be guilty of a Class 3
22 misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall only be fined not less than twenty-five dollars
23 (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each and every offense; and the Board
24 may revoke the limited license, in its discretion, after due notice.

25 (b) As used in ~~this section; subsection (a) of this section:~~

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

27 (2) 'Resident training license' means a license to practice in a medical
28 education and training program, approved by the Board, for the purpose
29 of education or training.

30 (c) The Board shall issue to an applicant a special license to be entitled a 'Limited
31 Volunteer License,' authorizing the holder of the limited license to practice medicine and
32 surgery only at clinics which specialize in the treatment of indigent patients. The holder
33 of a limited license issued pursuant to this subsection may not receive compensation for
34 services rendered at clinics specializing in the care of indigent patients. The Board shall
35 issue a limited license under this subsection to an applicant who:

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

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

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

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

1 The holder of a limited license issued pursuant to this subsection who practices
2 medicine or surgery at places other than clinics which specialize in the treatment of
3 indigent patients shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall
4 only be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars
5 (\$50.00) for each and every offense; and the Board may revoke the limited license, in its
6 discretion, after due notice."

7 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.