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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1255

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE A TEMPORARY CHARITABLE DENTAL
9 LICENSE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO CREATE A TEMPORARY CHARITABLE DENTAL
15 LICENSE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 82, Subchapter 3, is
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 17-82-318. Temporary charitable dental license.

23 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners may license a dentist
24 who practices for no more than four (4) consecutive days per calendar year in
25 the State of Arkansas without compensation if the dentist has applied for and
26 received a temporary license from the board.

27 (b) An applicant for a temporary charitable dental license shall
28 submit an application and any application fees required by the board and:

29 (1) The dates and location where the applicant desires to
30 practice within Arkansas;

31 (2) The name of the supervising dentist who is licensed in
32 Arkansas;

33 (3) A copy of the applicant's dental license from another
34 jurisdiction;

35 (4)(A) A letter from the respective dental licensing entity in
36 the home state of the applicant indicating that the applicant is in good



1 standing.

2 (B) As used in this section, "good standing" means the
 3 individual has an active license without a compliant, investigation, or
 4 action against him or her;

5 (5) A copy of the malpractice policy of the applicant; and

6 (6) Other pertinent information as determined by the board.

7 (c)(1) An applicant for a temporary charitable dental license issued
 8 by the board shall provide written authorization to the board to allow the
 9 Department of Arkansas State Police to release the results of state and
 10 federal criminal history background check reports to the board as required
 11 under § 17-82-801 et seq.

12 (2) An applicant shall pay the fees associated with the
 13 background checks.

14 (d) A dentist shall not practice in Arkansas under this section until
 15 the board issues a temporary charitable dental license.

16 (e) The board may renew a temporary charitable dental license in
 17 subsequent years if the dentist submits a renewal form, a renewal fee
 18 determined by the board, and any other information as determined by the
 19 board.

20 (f) This section does not apply to a dentist who is issued a permanent
 21 license by the board under § 17-82-304.

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 23 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many citizens of Arkansas are
 25 without much needed dental care due to lack of financial resources,
 26 transportation, or local access to dental care providers; that lack of
 27 regular dental care can lead to serious health conditions and diseases; that
 28 authorizing dentists who are not licensed in the State of Arkansas to provide
 29 time-limited charitable dental services will greatly benefit the citizens of
 30 Arkansas in need of dental care; and that this act is immediately necessary
 31 to improve the health of the citizens of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is
 32 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
 33 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
 34 on:

35 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
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