

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 549

An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2715 of the Code of Virginia, relating to temporary permits for certain clinicians.

[H 1055]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2715 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2715. Temporary permits for certain clinicians.

A. The Board may issue a temporary permit to a graduate of a dental school or college or the dental department of a college or university, who (i) has a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and is otherwise qualified, ~~and who~~ (ii) is not licensed to practice dentistry in Virginia, and (iii) has not failed an examination for a license to practice dentistry in this Commonwealth ~~to serve as a clinician in the Virginia Department of Health or the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services in a dental clinic operated by the Commonwealth.~~ Such temporary permits may be issued only to those eligible graduates who serve as clinicians in dental clinics operated by (a) the Virginia Department of Health, (b) the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, or (c) a Virginia charitable corporation granted tax-exempt status under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operating as a clinic for the indigent and uninsured that is organized for the delivery of primary health care services: (i) as a federal qualified health center designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or (ii) at a reduced or sliding fee scale or without charge.

B. Applicants for temporary permits shall be certified to the secretary of the Board by the Commissioner of Health ~~or~~, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, ~~or the chief executive officer of a Virginia charitable corporation identified in subsection A.~~ The holder of such a temporary permit shall not be entitled to receive any fee or other compensation other than salary. Such permits shall be valid for no more than two years and shall expire on the second June 30 after their issuance, or shall terminate when the holder ceases to ~~be employed by~~ serve as a clinician with the certifying agency or charitable corporation. Such permits may be reissued after their expiration or may be revoked at any time for cause in the discretion of the Board.

2. That the Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.