

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 719

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 54.1-2712.1 and 54.1-2726.1, relating to restricted volunteer licenses for dentists and dental hygienists.

[H 2134]

Approved March 22, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 54.1-2712.1 and 54.1-2726.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-2712.1. Restricted volunteer license for certain dentists.

A. The Board may issue a restricted volunteer license to a dentist who has:

- 1. Held the corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standing;*
- 2. Passed an examination as prescribed by the Board;*
- 3. Not failed the state's corresponding clinical examination within the past five years; and*
- 4. Had at least five years of clinical practice.*

B. A person holding a restricted volunteer license under this section shall:

- 1. Only practice in public health or community free clinics approved by the Board;*
- 2. Only treat patients who have no insurance or who are not eligible for financial assistance for dental treatment; and*
- 3. Not receive remuneration directly or indirectly for providing dental services.*

C. A dentist with a restricted volunteer license issued under this section shall only practice dentistry and perform dental procedures if:

- 1. A dentist with an unrestricted license is available on the premises; or*
- 2. The dentist reviews every thirty days with a licensed dentist in good standing the cases of all patients treated during the thirty-day period.*

D. A restricted voluntary license granted pursuant to this section shall expire twelve months from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board.

E. A dentist holding a restricted volunteer license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations promulgated under this chapter unless otherwise provided for in this section.

§ 54.1-2726.1. Restricted volunteer license for certain dental hygienists.

A. The Board may issue a restricted volunteer license to a dental hygienist who has:

- 1. Held the corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standing;*
- 2. Passed an examination as prescribed by the Board;*
- 3. Not failed the state's corresponding clinical examination within the past five years; and*
- 4. Had at least five years of clinical practice.*

B. A person holding a restricted volunteer license under this section shall:

- 1. Only practice in public health or community free clinics approved by the Board pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Board;*
- 2. Only treat patients who have no insurance or who are not eligible for financial assistance for dental treatment; and*
- 3. Not receive remuneration directly or indirectly for providing dental hygiene services.*

C. A dental hygienist with a restricted volunteer license issued under this section shall only practice dental hygiene under the direction of a dentist with an unrestricted license.

D. A restricted voluntary license granted pursuant to this section shall expire twelve months from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board.

E. A dental hygienist holding a restricted volunteer license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations promulgated under this chapter unless otherwise provided for in this section.