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A Bill

SENATE BILL 95

5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative D. Ferguson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO WAIVE THE LICENSURE RENEWAL FEE CHARGED BY
10 THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, THE
11 STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY, AND THE ARKANSAS STATE
12 MEDICAL BOARD FOR CERTAIN ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY
13 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 OPTOMETRY, AND THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
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21 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-82-310(a)(2), concerning the annual
28 renewal fee charged by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners; is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this
31 section, a A renewal fee in an amount to be determined by the board as being
32 necessary to provide funds for the operation of the board and for other
33 expenses in administering this chapter ~~must~~ shall be paid to the board upon
34 the filing of the form, duly executed, with the board.

35 (B) The board shall waive the annual renewal fee for all
36 licenses to practice dentistry or dental hygiene if the licensee:



1 (i) Holds a license to practice dentistry or dental
2 hygiene in the State of Arkansas; and

3 (ii) Is an active-duty member of the military.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-90-304(a), concerning the annual renewal
6 fee charged by the State Board of Optometry, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, a
8 registered optometrist ~~All registered optometrists~~ shall annually pay
9 annually a reasonable sum, to be fixed by the State Board of Optometry, to
10 the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Optometry as a license renewal
11 fee on or before February 1 each year.

12 (2) The board shall waive the annual renewal fee for all
13 registered optometrists if the registered optometrist:

14 (A) Holds a license to practice optometry in the State of
15 Arkansas; and

16 (B) Is an active-duty member of the military.

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18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-95-411(4), concerning annual license or
19 reregistration fees charged by the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 (4)(A)(i) For annual license or reregistration fee, seventy
22 dollars (\$70.00).

23 (ii) This ~~Except as provided in subdivision (4)(C)~~
24 of this section, an annual license or reregistration fee is to be imposed
25 upon each physician who holds a license to practice medicine in the State of
26 Arkansas.

27 (B) The annual license or reregistration fee may be
28 changed by the board, provided that the amount shall be fixed by the board
29 not less than sixty (60) days in advance of January 1 of each year.

30 (C) The board shall waive the annual license or
31 reregistration fee of a physician who:

32 (i) Holds a license to practice medicine in the
33 State of Arkansas; and

34 (ii) Is an active-duty member of the military.

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36 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-87-308, concerning the renewal of

1 *licenses under the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, is amended to add an*
2 *additional subsection to read as follows:*

3 *(h) The board shall waive the renewal fee of a nurse who:*

4 *(1) Holds a license to practice nursing in the State of*
5 *Arkansas; and*

6 *(2) Is an active-duty member of the military.*

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8 /s/Irvin

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