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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

03/15/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying guest license provisions for dentists, dental
1.3 hygienists, and dental assistants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section
1.4 150A.06, subdivision 2c.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 150A.06, subdivision 2c, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2c. **Guest license.** (a) The board shall grant a guest license to practice as a
1.9 dentist, dental hygienist, or licensed dental assistant if the following conditions are met:

1.10 (1) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is currently licensed in good
1.11 standing in ~~North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin~~ another United States
1.12 jurisdiction;

1.13 (2) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is currently engaged in the
1.14 practice of that person's respective profession in ~~North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or~~
1.15 ~~Wisconsin~~ another United States jurisdiction;

1.16 (3) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant will limit that person's practice to
1.17 a public health setting in Minnesota that (i) is approved by the board; (ii) was established
1.18 by a nonprofit organization that is tax exempt under chapter 501(c)(3) of the Internal
1.19 Revenue Code of 1986; and (iii) provides dental care to patients who have difficulty
1.20 accessing dental care;

1.21 (4) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant agrees to treat indigent patients
1.22 who meet the eligibility criteria established by the clinic; and

1.23 (5) the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant has applied to the board for a
1.24 guest license and has paid a nonrefundable license fee to the board not to exceed \$75.

2.1 (b) A guest license must be renewed annually with the board and an annual renewal
2.2 fee not to exceed \$75 must be paid to the board. Guest licenses expire annually at
2.3 midnight on December 31.

2.4 (c) A dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant practicing under a guest license
2.5 under this subdivision shall have the same obligations as a dentist, dental hygienist, or
2.6 dental assistant who is licensed in Minnesota and shall be subject to the laws and rules of
2.7 Minnesota and the regulatory authority of the board. If the board suspends or revokes the
2.8 guest license of, or otherwise disciplines, a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant
2.9 practicing under this subdivision, the board shall promptly report such disciplinary action
2.10 to the dentist's, dental hygienist's, or dental assistant's regulatory board in the ~~border state~~
2.11 jurisdictions in which they are licensed.

2.12 (d) The board may grant a guest license to a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental
2.13 assistant licensed in another United States jurisdiction who will provide care to patients
2.14 on a voluntary basis without compensation for a limited period of time. The board may
2.15 assess a fee not to exceed \$25 for the guest license for volunteer services. The fee may
2.16 be paid by the applicant or the sponsoring organization. The board shall issue a guest
2.17 license for volunteer services license if:

2.18 (1) the board determines that the applicant's services will provide dental care to
2.19 patients who have difficulty accessing dental care;

2.20 (2) the care will be provided without compensation; and

2.21 (3) the applicant provides adequate proof of the status of all licenses to practice in
2.22 other jurisdictions. The board may require proof on an application form developed by
2.23 the board.

2.24 The guest license for volunteer services will limit the licensee to providing dental
2.25 care services for a period of time not to exceed ten days in a calendar year. Guest licenses
2.26 expire annually at midnight on December 31.

2.27 The holder of a guest license for volunteer services shall be subject to state laws
2.28 and rules regarding dentistry and the regulatory authority of the board. The board may
2.29 revoke the license of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant practicing under this
2.30 subdivision or take other regulatory action against the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental
2.31 assistant. If an action is taken, the board shall report the action to the regulatory board
2.32 of those jurisdictions where an active license is held by the dentist, dental hygienist,
2.33 or dental assistant.