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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to physicians; to amend Section 34-24-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to remove a requirement that a physician volunteer at least 100 hours annually to qualify under the Retired Senior Volunteer Program administered by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-24-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-24-75.1

(a) (1) ~~The State Board of Medical Examiners may board,~~ at its discretion and subject to the rules ~~and regulations promulgated~~ adopted by the board, may issue a certificate of qualification ~~in on~~ on behalf of physicians meeting the requirements for participation in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

(2) The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is created for the purpose of permitting doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who are fully retired from the active practice of medicine to obtain a limited license without cost which would permit the provision of outpatient health care services at established free clinics operated pursuant to the Volunteer Medical Professional Act, Section 6-5-660, et seq. Physicians having certificates issued under this section ~~must perform no fewer than 100 hours of voluntary service annually and must~~ limit their practice to the confines of an established free medical clinic, as that term is defined in Section 6-5-662, or



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29 ~~such~~ other nonprofit organizations or facilities located in
30 Alabama which are approved by the board and which provide
31 outpatient medical care to individuals unable to pay for ~~it~~
32 the care.

33 (3) Certificates issued under this section and licenses
34 based thereon shall state on their faces that ~~they~~ the
35 certificates are issued under the RSVP and are subject to
36 restrictions.

37 (4) Any physician ~~in~~ on whose behalf a certificate of
38 qualification is issued under this section shall be subject to
39 having his or her license suspended or revoked by the Medical
40 Licensure Commission for the same causes or reasons and in the
41 same manner as provided by law in the case of other
42 physicians.

43 (5) Certificates of qualification issued under this
44 section shall expire annually. ~~and physicians~~ Physicians may
45 apply to the board for renewal of their certificate, but the
46 board shall have full discretion to accept or reject the
47 application for renewal.

48 (b) A physician is eligible to receive a certificate of
49 qualification issued under subsection (a) if he or she meets
50 the following qualifications:

51 (1) The applicant currently has or has had a full and
52 unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of
53 Alabama or in any other state of the United States or the
54 District of Columbia, which license is or was at the time of
55 expiration unrestricted and in good standing with no pending
56 disciplinary actions or investigations at the time of



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expiration.

(2) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by the board, that he or she is fully retired from the active practice of medicine.

(3) The applicant is in good health and is not currently undergoing treatment for a physical or mental condition which would impair the individual's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

(4) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by the board, that he or she intends to limit his or her medical practice to the provision of outpatient services at an established free medical clinic as that term is defined in Section 6-5-662 or ~~such~~ other nonprofit organization or facility that has been approved by the board and that furnishes outpatient medical care to patients unable to pay ~~for it~~ the care.

(5) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by the board, that his or her license to practice medicine in any state or the District of Columbia has never been revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or otherwise subject to disciplinary action and that the applicant has not had his or her hospital medical staff privileges revoked, suspended, curtailed, limited, or surrendered while under investigation.

(6) The applicant acknowledges, on a form prescribed by the board, that he or she is subject to the continuing medical education requirements for physicians as specified in ~~Chapter 14 of the rules and regulations~~ of the State Board of Medical



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(7) The applicant furnishes a certification of the employment arrangements or agreement with the qualified clinic or nonprofit organization.

(c) A certificate of qualification issued under subsection (a) shall be issued at no cost to the applicant.

(d) The Medical Licensure Commission and the State Board of Medical Examiners ~~are each authorized to promulgate~~ each may adopt reasonable rules ~~and regulations~~ necessary to implement the requirements of this section and ~~subsection (b) of Section 34-24-333~~ (b)."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
was passed by the House 19-Mar-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

06-May-25

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