



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 684**

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House Bill No. 5612

*House of Representatives, May 13, 2003*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. STILLMAN of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING RETIRED DENTISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Any person who  
2 practices dentistry for no fee, for at least one hundred hours per year at  
3 a public health facility, as defined in section 20-126l of the general  
4 statutes, and does not otherwise engage in the practice of dentistry,  
5 shall be eligible to renew a license, as provided in section 19a-88 of the  
6 general statutes, for a fee of one hundred dollars.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes is  
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
9 *October 1, 2003*):

10 (a) Each person holding a license to practice dentistry, optometry,  
11 midwifery or dental hygiene shall, annually, during the month of such  
12 person's birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon  
13 payment of the professional services fee for class I, as defined in



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$5,000	None
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Loss	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Under the bill, a dentist who volunteers at least one hundred hours each year at a public health facility and does not practice otherwise would be eligible to pay a \$100 renewal fee, effective October 1, 2003. Dentists currently pay a \$450 license renewal fee. The Department of Public Health will incur a one-time cost of approximately \$5,000 in FY 04 to reprogram systems to accommodate the new licensure category.

A total of 3,059 individuals held dentist licenses at the end of 2002. The number who would avail themselves of the retiree license instead of retaining regular licenses cannot be determined in advance. However, for comparison purposes, should five percent choose to do so an annual revenue loss of approximately \$53,500 will result.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING RETIRED DENTISTS****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a reduced annual license fee of \$100 for dentists who practice for no fee and for at least 100 hours per year at a public health facility, but do not otherwise practice dentistry. The regular annual license fee for a practicing dentist is \$450.

“Public health facility” includes community health centers, group homes, and schools and preschools operated by a local board of education or a Head Start program. It also includes other facilities such as hospitals, rest homes, health care facilities for the handicapped, nursing homes, residential care homes, mental health facilities, home health care agencies, homemaker-home health aide agencies, substance abuse treatment agencies, infirmaries operated by educational institutions, and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 21    Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 44    Nay 0