



**Substitute House Bill No. 6109**

**Public Act No. 07-82**

**AN ACT REDUCING LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR RETIRED DENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) Each person holding a license to practice dentistry, optometry, midwifery or dental hygiene shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l in the case of a dentist, except as provided in sections 19a-88b and 20-113b, the professional services fee for class H, as defined in section 33-182l in the case of an optometrist, five dollars in the case of a midwife, and fifty dollars in the case of a dental hygienist, on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and such other information as the department requests. Each person holding a license to practice dentistry who has retired from the profession may renew such license, but the fee shall be ten per cent of the professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l. Any license provided by the department at a reduced fee pursuant to

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this subsection shall indicate that the dentist is retired.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) For purposes of subsection (a) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, not later than January 1, 2008. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a definition of "retired from the profession" as that term applies to dentists, (2) procedures for the return to active employment of such dentists who have retired from the profession, and (3) appropriate restrictions upon the scope of practice for such dentists who are retired from the profession, including restricting the license of such dentists to the provision of volunteer services without monetary compensation.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Any person who practices medicine for no fee, for at least one hundred hours per year at a public health facility, as defined in section 20-126l, and does not otherwise engage in the practice of medicine, shall be eligible to renew a license, as provided in subsection (b) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, without payment of the professional services fee specified in said subsection (b).

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