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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***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:

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

4 (a) Each person holding a license to practice dentistry, optometry,
5 midwifery or dental hygiene shall, annually, during the month of such
6 person's birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon
7 payment of the professional services fee for class I, as defined in
8 section 33-182l in the case of a dentist, except as provided in sections
9 19a-88b and 20-113b, the professional services fee for class H, as
10 defined in section 33-182l in the case of an optometrist, five dollars in
11 the case of a midwife, and fifty dollars in the case of a dental hygienist,
12 on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving
13 such person's name in full, such person's residence and business
14 address and such other information as the department requests. Each
15 person holding a license to practice dentistry who has retired from the
16 profession may renew such license, but the fee shall be ten per cent of

17 the professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182L.
 18 Any license provided by the department at a reduced fee shall indicate
 19 that the dentist is retired.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) For purposes of subsection
 21 (a) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the
 22 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 23 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, not later than January
 24 1, 2008. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a
 25 definition of "retired from the profession" as that term applies to
 26 dentists, (2) procedures for the return to active employment of such
 27 dentists who have retired from the profession, and (3) appropriate
 28 restrictions upon the scope of practice for such dentists who are retired
 29 from the profession, including restricting the license of such dentists to
 30 the provision of volunteer services without monetary compensation.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	19a-88(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the renewal fee for retired dentists to ten per cent of the renewal fee paid by dentists in active practice and to reduce license fees for retired physicians who provide free dental services at public health facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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