

1 H.567

2 Introduced by Representative Bohi of Hartford

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4 Date:

5 Subject: Professions and occupations; dentists and dental hygienists;

6 physicians; license without examination; pro bono licensure

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to reduce the information required to
8 be filed with the board of dental examiners or the board of medical practice in
9 order for a dentist, dental hygienist, or physician licensed in New Hampshire to
10 obtain pro bono licensure in Vermont.

11 An act relating to the pro bono licensure of dentists, dental hygienists, and
12 physicians who are licensed in New Hampshire

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 * * * Dentists and Dental Hygienists; Board of Dental Examiners * * *

15 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 805 is amended to read:

16 § 805. LICENSING NONRESIDENTS

17 (a) In its discretion, upon a satisfactory practical examination
18 demonstrating his or her proficiency, the board may issue a license to a dentist
19 who has been lawfully in practice in another state for at least five years, upon
20 the payment of the required fee, if the applicant presents a certificate from the

1 board of dental examiners or other like board of the state in which he or she
2 has practiced, certifying to competency and good moral character.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and any
4 other provision of law, a dentist or dental hygienist who holds an unrestricted
5 license in all jurisdictions in which the dentist or dental hygienist is currently
6 licensed, who certifies to the Vermont board of dental examiners that he or she
7 will limit his or her practice in Vermont to providing pro bono services at a
8 free or reduced fee clinic in Vermont and who meets the criteria of the board,
9 shall be licensed by the board within 60 days of the licensee's certification
10 without further examination, interview, fee or any other requirement for board
11 licensure. The dentist or dental hygienist shall file with the board, on forms
12 provided by the board and based on criteria developed by the board,
13 information on dental qualifications, professional discipline, criminal record,
14 malpractice claims or any other such information as the board may require. A
15 license granted under this subsection shall authorize the licensee to practice
16 dentistry or dental hygiene on a voluntary basis in Vermont.

17 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section
18 and any other provision of law, a dentist or dental hygienist who holds an
19 unrestricted license in New Hampshire, who certifies to the Vermont board of
20 dental examiners that he or she will limit his or her practice in Vermont to
21 providing pro bono services at a free or reduced fee clinic in Vermont, and

1 who meets the criteria of the board shall be licensed by the board within 60
2 days of the licensee's certification without further examination, interview, fee,
3 or any other requirement for board licensure. The dentist or dental hygienist
4 shall file with the board proof of current license from New Hampshire and a
5 letter of good standing from the regulatory body within that state that has the
6 authority to certify good standing. A license granted under this subsection
7 shall authorize the licensee to practice dentistry or dental hygiene on a
8 voluntary basis in Vermont.

9 * * * Physicians; Board of Medical Practice * * *

10 Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 1395 is amended to read:

11 § 1395. LICENSE WITHOUT EXAMINATION

12 (a) Without examination the board may, upon payment of the required fee,
13 issue a license to a reputable physician who personally appears and presents a
14 certified copy of a certificate of registration or a license issued to him or her in
15 a jurisdiction whose requirements for registration are deemed by the board as
16 equivalent to those of this state, providing that such jurisdiction grants the
17 same reciprocity to a Vermont physician or by the National Board of Medical
18 Examiners.

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20 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and any
21 other provision of law, a physician who holds an unrestricted license in all

1 jurisdictions where the physician is currently licensed, and who certifies to the
2 Vermont board of medical practice that he or she will limit his or her practice
3 in Vermont to providing pro bono services at a free or reduced fee health care
4 clinic in Vermont and who meets the criteria of the board, shall be licensed by
5 the board within 60 days of the licensee's certification without further
6 examination, interview, fee, or any other requirement for board licensure. The
7 physician shall file with the board, on forms provided by the board and based
8 on criteria developed by the board, information on medical qualifications,
9 professional discipline, criminal record, malpractice claims, or any other such
10 information as the board may require. A license granted under this subsection
11 shall authorize the licensee to practice medicine on a voluntary basis in
12 Vermont.

13 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (c) of this
14 section and any other provision of law, a physician who holds an unrestricted
15 license in New Hampshire, who certifies to the Vermont board of medical
16 practice that he or she will limit his or her practice in Vermont to providing pro
17 bono services at a free or reduced fee health care clinic in Vermont, and who
18 meets the criteria of the board shall be licensed by the board within 60 days of
19 the licensee's certification without further examination, interview, fee, or any
20 other requirement for board licensure. The physician shall file with the board
21 proof of current license from New Hampshire, a letter of good standing from

1 the regulatory body within that state that has the authority to certify good
2 standing, and a letter from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hartford,
3 Vermont or the Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital or Dartmouth Hitchcock
4 Memorial Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire stating that the physician is
5 credentialed at that hospital. A license granted under this subsection shall
6 authorize the licensee to practice medicine on a voluntary basis in Vermont.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.