

By: Representative DeLano

To: Military Affairs; Public Health and Human Services

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 215

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING ON ACTIVE
3 DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR IN THE NATIONAL
4 GUARD OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
5 STATES OR WHO ARE WORKING AS PHYSICIANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 VETERANS AFFAIRS MAY RECEIVE A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER MEDICAL LICENSE
7 UNDER WHICH THEY MAY DONATE THEIR SERVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF
8 NEEDY PERSONS OR PERSONS IN MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE
9 STATE; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE TO ISSUE
10 A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER LICENSE FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO WISH TO
11 DONATE THEIR EXPERTISE FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF INDIGENT AND
12 NEEDY PERSONS OR PERSONS IN MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE
13 STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-25-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 73-25-18. (1) (a) There is established a special volunteer
18 medical license for physicians who are retired from active
19 practice, or are currently serving on active duty in the Armed
20 Forces of the United States or in the National Guard or a reserve
21 component of the Armed Forces of the United States, or are working
22 as physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and wish to
23 donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of



24 indigent and needy persons or persons in medically underserved
25 areas of the state. The special volunteer medical license shall
26 be issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure to eligible
27 physicians without the payment of any application fee, examination
28 fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for a fiscal year
29 or part thereof, and shall be renewable annually upon approval of
30 the board.

31 (* * *b) A physician must meet the following
32 requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer medical
33 license:

34 (* * *i) Completion of a special volunteer
35 medical license application, including documentation of the
36 physician's medical school or osteopathic school graduation and
37 practice history;

38 (* * *ii) Documentation that the physician has
39 been previously issued an unrestricted license to practice
40 medicine in Mississippi or in another state of the United States
41 and that he or she has never been the subject of any medical
42 disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;

43 (* * *iii) Acknowledgement and documentation that
44 the physician's practice under the special volunteer medical
45 license will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing
46 medical care to needy and indigent persons in Mississippi or
47 persons in medically underserved areas in Mississippi; and



48 (* * *iv) Acknowledgement and documentation that
49 the physician will not receive any payment or compensation, either
50 direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or
51 compensation, for any medical services rendered under the special
52 volunteer medical license.

53 (2) (a) There is established a special volunteer license
54 for physician assistants who are retired from active practice, or
55 are currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the
56 United States or in the National Guard or a reserve component of
57 the Armed Forces of the United States, or are working as physician
58 assistants for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and wish to
59 donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and
60 needy persons or persons in medically underserved areas of the
61 state. The special volunteer physician assistant license shall be
62 issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure to eligible
63 physician assistants without the payment of any application fee,
64 examination fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for a
65 fiscal year or part thereof, and shall be renewable annually upon
66 approval of the board.

67 (b) A physician assistant must meet the following
68 requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer physician
69 assistant license:

70 (i) Completion of an application for a special
71 volunteer physician assistant license, including documentation of



72 the physician assistant's educational qualifications and practice
73 history;

74 (ii) Documentation that the physician assistant
75 has been previously issued an unrestricted physician assistant
76 license in Mississippi or in another state of the United States
77 and that he or she has never been the subject of any disciplinary
78 action in any jurisdiction;

79 (iii) Acknowledgement and documentation that the
80 physician assistant's practice under the special volunteer
81 physician assistant license will be exclusively and totally
82 devoted to providing care to needy and indigent persons in
83 Mississippi or persons in medically underserved areas in
84 Mississippi; and

85 (iv) Acknowledgement and documentation that the
86 physician assistant will not receive any payment or compensation,
87 either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment
88 or compensation, for any services rendered under the special
89 volunteer physician assistant license.

90 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
91 and after July 1, 2015.

