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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 95

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO WAIVE THE LICENSURE RENEWAL FEE CHARGED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY, AND THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD FOR CERTAIN ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-82-310(a)(2), concerning the annual renewal fee charged by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners; is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section, a A renewal fee in an amount to be determined by the board as being necessary to provide funds for the operation of the board and for other expenses in administering this chapter ~~must~~ shall be paid to the board upon the filing of the form, duly executed, with the board.

(B) The board shall waive the annual renewal fee for all licenses to practice dentistry or dental hygiene if the licensee:



(i) Holds a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the State of Arkansas; and

(ii) Is an active-duty member of the military.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-90-304(a), concerning the annual renewal fee charged by the State Board of Optometry, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, a registered optometrist ~~All registered optometrists~~ shall ~~annually~~ annually pay a reasonable sum, to be fixed by the State Board of Optometry, to the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Optometry as a license renewal fee on or before February 1 each year.

(2) The board shall waive the annual renewal fee for all registered optometrists if the registered optometrist:

(A) Holds a license to practice optometry in the State of Arkansas; and

(B) Is an active-duty member of the military.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-95-411(4), concerning annual license or reregistration fees charged by the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A)(i) For annual license or reregistration fee, seventy dollars (\$70.00).

(ii) This ~~Except as provided in subdivision (4)(C) of this section, an annual license or reregistration~~ fee is to be imposed upon each physician who holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas.

(B) The annual license or reregistration fee may be changed by the board, provided that the amount shall be fixed by the board not less than sixty (60) days in advance of January 1 of each year.

(C) The board shall waive the annual license or reregistration fee of a physician who:

(i) Holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas; and

(ii) Is an active-duty member of the military.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-87-308, concerning the renewal of

*licenses under the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

*(h) The board shall waive the renewal fee of a nurse who:*

*(1) Holds a license to practice nursing in the State of Arkansas; and*

*(2) Is an active-duty member of the military.*

*/s/ Irvin*

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