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SENATE BILL 694

Short Title: Amend Dentistry Laws/Out of State Dentists. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Garrou.

Referred to: Health Care.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY
3 AS PERFORMED BY PERSONS PRACTICING DENTISTRY OUT OF STATE UNDER
4 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-36(e) reads as rewritten:

7 "(e) The holder of a license issued under this section shall establish a practice location
8 and actively practice dentistry, as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9), in North Carolina
9 within one year from the date the license is issued. The license issued under this section shall
10 be void upon a finding by the Board that the licensee fails to limit the licensee's practice to
11 North Carolina or that the licensee no longer actively practices dentistry in North Carolina.
12 However, when a dentist licensed under this section faces possible Board action to void the
13 dentist's license for failure to limit the dentist's practice to North Carolina, if the dentist
14 demonstrates to the Board that out-of-state practice actions were in connection with formal
15 contract or employment arrangements for the dentist to provide needed clinical dental care to
16 patients who are part of an identified ethnic or racial minority group living in a region of the
17 other state with low access to dental care, the Board, in its discretion, may waive the in-State
18 limitations on the out-of-state practice for a maximum of 12 months."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

