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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, administered by the State Board of Medical Examiners, authorizes retired physicians to provide volunteer medical care at free medical clinics and other facilities approved by the board to patients who are unable to pay for medical care.

To qualify, a retired physician must perform a minimum of 100 hours of voluntary service annually.

This bill would remove the requirement that a retired physician perform at least 100 hours of annual service.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to physicians; to amend Section 34-24-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to remove a requirement that a physician volunteer at least 100 hours annually to qualify under the Retired Senior Volunteer Program administered by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-24-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is



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29 amended to read as follows:

30 "§34-24-75.1

31 (a) (1) The ~~State Board of Medical Examiners may~~ board,  
32 at its discretion and subject to the rules ~~and regulations~~  
33 ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the board, may issue a certificate of  
34 qualification ~~in~~ on behalf of physicians meeting the  
35 requirements for participation in the Retired Senior Volunteer  
36 Program (RSVP).

37 (2) The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is created for  
38 the purpose of permitting doctors of medicine and doctors of  
39 osteopathy who are fully retired from the active practice of  
40 medicine to obtain a limited license without cost which would  
41 permit the provision of outpatient health care services at  
42 established free clinics operated pursuant to the Volunteer  
43 Medical Professional Act, Section 6-5-660, et seq. Physicians  
44 having certificates issued under this section ~~must perform no~~  
45 ~~fewer than 100 hours of voluntary service annually and~~ must  
46 limit their practice to the confines of an established free  
47 medical clinic, as that term is defined in Section 6-5-662, or  
48 ~~such~~ other nonprofit organizations or facilities located in  
49 Alabama which are approved by the board and which provide  
50 outpatient medical care to individuals unable to pay for ~~it~~  
51 the care.

52 (3) Certificates issued under this section and licenses  
53 based thereon shall state on their faces that ~~they~~ the  
54 certificates are issued under the RSVP and are subject to  
55 restrictions.

56 (4) Any physician ~~in~~ on whose behalf a certificate of



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57 qualification is issued under this section shall be subject to  
58 having his or her license suspended or revoked by the Medical  
59 Licensure Commission for the same causes or reasons and in the  
60 same manner as provided by law in the case of other  
61 physicians.

62 (5) Certificates of qualification issued under this  
63 section shall expire annually. ~~and physicians~~ Physicians may  
64 apply to the board for renewal of their certificate, but the  
65 board shall have full discretion to accept or reject the  
66 application for renewal.

67 (b) A physician is eligible to receive a certificate of  
68 qualification issued under subsection (a) if he or she meets  
69 the following qualifications:

70 (1) The applicant currently has or has had a full and  
71 unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of  
72 Alabama or in any other state of the United States or the  
73 District of Columbia, which license is or was at the time of  
74 expiration unrestricted and in good standing with no pending  
75 disciplinary actions or investigations at the time of  
76 expiration.

77 (2) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by  
78 the board, that he or she is fully retired from the active  
79 practice of medicine.

80 (3) The applicant is in good health and is not  
81 currently undergoing treatment for a physical or mental  
82 condition which would impair the individual's ability to  
83 practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to  
84 patients.



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85           (4) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by  
86 the board, that he or she intends to limit his or her medical  
87 practice to the provision of outpatient services at an  
88 established free medical clinic as that term is defined in  
89 Section 6-5-662 or ~~such~~ other nonprofit organization or  
90 facility that has been approved by the board and that  
91 furnishes outpatient medical care to patients unable to pay  
92 for ~~it~~ the care.

93           (5) The applicant certifies, on a form prescribed by  
94 the board, that his or her license to practice medicine in any  
95 state or the District of Columbia has never been revoked,  
96 suspended, placed on probation, or otherwise subject to  
97 disciplinary action and that the applicant has not had his or  
98 her hospital medical staff privileges revoked, suspended,  
99 curtailed, limited, or surrendered while under investigation.

100           (6) The applicant acknowledges, on a form prescribed by  
101 the board, that he or she is subject to the continuing medical  
102 education requirements for physicians as specified in ~~Chapter~~  
103 ~~14 of~~ the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the State Board of Medical  
104 Examiners.

105           (7) The applicant furnishes a certification of the  
106 employment arrangements or agreement with the qualified clinic  
107 or nonprofit organization.

108           (c) A certificate of qualification issued under  
109 subsection (a) shall be issued at no cost to the applicant.

110           (d) The Medical Licensure Commission and the State  
111 Board of Medical Examiners ~~are each authorized to~~  
112 ~~promulgate~~ each may adopt reasonable rules ~~and regulations~~



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113 necessary to implement the requirements of this section and  
114 ~~subsection (b) of~~ Section 34-24-333 (b)."

115 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
116 1, 2025.