

1-1 By: Bonnen of Brazoria, Cospers H.B. No. 2933  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2017;  
 1-4 May 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
 1-5 Affairs & Border Security; May 11, 2017, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the licensing and regulation of military optometrists  
 1-19 and therapeutic optometrists who provide voluntary charity care.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 351, Occupations Code, is  
 1-22 amended by adding Section 351.266 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 351.266. MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER LICENSE. (a) The  
 1-24 board shall adopt rules relating to the issuance of a military  
 1-25 limited volunteer license under this section.

1-26 (b) The board may issue a military limited volunteer license  
 1-27 to practice optometry or therapeutic optometry to an applicant who:

1-28 (1) is licensed and in good standing, or was licensed  
 1-29 and retired in good standing, as an optometrist or therapeutic  
 1-30 optometrist in another state;

1-31 (2) is or was authorized as an optometrist or  
 1-32 therapeutic optometrist to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of  
 1-33 the United States armed forces or veterans; and

1-34 (3) meets any other requirement prescribed by board  
 1-35 rule.

1-36 (c) The board may not issue a license under this section to  
 1-37 an applicant who:

1-38 (1) holds an optometry or therapeutic optometry  
 1-39 license that:

1-40 (A) is currently under active investigation; or

1-41 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or  
 1-42 action or to denial by another jurisdiction;

1-43 (2) holds a license to prescribe, dispense,  
 1-44 administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that:

1-45 (A) is currently under active investigation; or

1-46 (B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or  
 1-47 action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or

1-48 (3) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication  
 1-49 community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under  
 1-50 active investigation for the commission of:

1-51 (A) a felony; or

1-52 (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

1-53 (d) An optometrist or therapeutic optometrist may practice  
 1-54 optometry or therapeutic optometry under a license issued under  
 1-55 this section only at a clinic that primarily treats indigent  
 1-56 patients. The optometrist or therapeutic optometrist may not  
 1-57 directly or indirectly receive compensation or anything of monetary  
 1-58 value for optometric services rendered at the clinic.

1-59 (e) A military limited volunteer license holder is subject  
 1-60 to board rules, including rules regarding disciplinary action,  
 1-61 license registration and renewal, and continuing medical

2-1 education.

2-2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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