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HUMAN RESOURCES

SENATE FILE 2123

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inclusion of dentists in the volunteer
2 health care provider program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.24, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The director shall establish within the department a
4 program to provide to eligible hospitals, clinics, or other
5 health care facilities, health care referral programs, or
6 charitable organizations, free medical and dental services
7 given on a voluntary basis by health care providers. A
8 participating health care provider shall register with the
9 department and obtain from the department a list of eligible,
10 participating hospitals, clinics, or other health care
11 facilities, health care referral programs, or charitable
12 organizations.

13 Sec. 2. Section 135.24, subsection 2, paragraphs a and b,
14 Code 1997, are amended to read as follows:

15 a. Procedures for registration of health care providers
16 deemed qualified by the board of medical examiners, the board
17 of physician assistant examiners, the board of dental
18 examiners, and the board of nursing.

19 b. Criteria for and identification of hospitals, clinics,
20 or other health care facilities, health care referral
21 programs, or charitable organizations, eligible to participate
22 in the provision of free medical or dental services through
23 the volunteer health care provider program. A health care
24 facility, a health care referral program, a charitable
25 organization, or a health care provider participating in the
26 program shall not bill or charge a patient for any health care
27 provider service provided under the volunteer health care
28 provider program.

29 Sec. 3. Section 135.24, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
30 1997, is amended to read as follows:

31 b. Provided medical or dental services through a hospital,
32 clinic, or other health care facility, health care referral
33 program, or charitable organization listed as eligible and
34 participating by the department pursuant to subsection 1.

35 Sec. 4. Section 135.24, subsection 4, Code 1997, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 4. For the purposes of this section, "charitable
3 organization" means a charitable organization within the
4 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
5 which has as its primary purpose the sponsorship or support of
6 programs designed to improve the quality, awareness, and
7 availability of medical or dental services to children and to
8 serve as a funding mechanism for provision of medical or
9 dental services, including but not limited to immunizations,
10 to children in this state.

11 Sec. 5. Section 135.24, subsection 5, Code 1997, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 5. For the purposes of this section, "health care
14 provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150,
15 or 150A, a physician assistant licensed and practicing under a
16 supervising physician pursuant to chapter 148C, a licensed
17 practical nurse, or a registered nurse, or a dentist licensed
18 to practice under chapter 153.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill includes dentists in the definition of "health
21 care provider" for the purposes of eligibility under the
22 volunteer health care provider program.

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