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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
REGULATION
OF
Department of Public Health
Name of Agency**

**Concerning
License Renewal for Retired Dentists**

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Section 1. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections 19a-88-5 to 19a-88-10, inclusive, as follows:

(New) Sec. 19a-88-5. Definitions.

For the purposes of sections 19a-88-5 to 19a-88-10, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

- (1) "Licensee" means a dentist who holds a full and unrestricted license to practice dentistry issued pursuant to Chapter 379 of the general statutes.
- (2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.
- (3) "Retired from the profession of dentistry" means a licensee who does not practice dentistry for monetary compensation.
- (4) "Retired license" means a license issued by the Department to a licensee who is retired from the profession of dentistry.
- (5) "Volunteer services without compensation" means the direct provision of dental services without compensation or teaching in an accredited dental or dental hygiene education program without compensation, except such services shall not include (A) prescribing or administering controlled substances under schedules I or II, or (B) owning or operating a dental practice.
- (6) "Good standing" means the license is not revoked, suspended, subject to probation or an unresolved complaint.

(New) Sec. 19a-88-6. Good Standing.

A licensee in good standing may apply to the department for a retired license during the licensee's renewal period provided the licensee is retired from the profession of dentistry. The application shall be on forms prescribed by the department. The application shall include a statement from the licensee that such licensee is retired from the profession of dentistry.

(New) Sec. 19a-88-7. Display of License.

A licensee holding a retired license and providing volunteer services without compensation must post, or be able to produce on request of a patient, a current retired license.

(New) Sec. 19a-88-8. Continuing Education.

A licensee holding a retired license and providing volunteer services without compensation shall be in compliance with section 20-126c of the general statutes with regard to continuing education.

(New) Sec. 19a-88-9. Professional Liability Insurance.

A licensee holding a retired license and providing volunteer services without compensation shall be in compliance with the provisions of section 20-126d of the general statutes with regard to professional liability insurance.

(New) Sec. 19a-88-10. Return to Active Employment.

A licensee who holds a retired license and wishes to return to practice dentistry for monetary compensation shall submit to the department an application for reinstatement on a form prescribed by the department, pay the required application fee and meet the following requirements:

- (1) A licensee who holds a retired license who has provided volunteer services without compensation within the two years immediately preceding the date of application shall provide:
 - (A) Written verification of licensure from each state where the licensee holds or has ever held a license to practice dentistry;

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- (B) Evidence satisfactory to the department documenting the applicant's provision of volunteer services without compensation within the two years immediately preceding the date of application for reinstatement; and
 - (C) Evidence satisfactory to the department of completion of twelve hours of continuing education as required pursuant to Section 20-126c of the general statutes completed within the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.
- (2) A licensee who has not provided volunteer services without compensation within the two years immediately preceding the date of the application for reinstatement shall provide:
- (A) Written verification of licensure from each state where the licensee holds or has ever held a license to practice dentistry;
 - (B) Evidence satisfactory to the department of completion of twenty-five hours of continuing education required pursuant to Section 20-126c of the general statutes within the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application; and
 - (C) Evidence of successful completion of the clinical skills examination administered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. or its successor organization.

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the regulation is (A) to outline the process a licensed dentist will follow in order to renew the license at a reduced fee, provided the licensee is retired from the profession of dentistry, (B) the regulations will include a definition of "retired from the profession"; procedures for the return to active practice; and appropriate restrictions upon the scope of practice for dentists who are retired from the profession, and (C) will amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by adding section 19a-88-5 to 19a-88-10, inclusive.