

(2) (i) 1. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the Board may not renew a license unless the licensee meets the continuing education requirements of this section.

2. The continuing education requirement does not apply to:

A. the first renewal of a license by a licensee; OR

B. A LICENSEE WHO HAS INACTIVE STATUS OR WHO HAS APPLIED FOR INACTIVE STATUS.

(ii) [In and after the license term that begins in 1996, to] TO qualify for renewal of a license, for each 2-year license term of a license, a licensee shall complete successfully at least 8 hours of instruction provided through programs that the Board approves.

(d) A licensee serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States is exempt from the renewal fee required by this section.

(e) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

(f) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle shall expire on a staggered basis.

(G) (1) A LICENSEE MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD FOR INACTIVE STATUS.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT INACTIVE STATUS TO A LICENSEE IF THE LICENSEE:

(I) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED; AND

(II) PAYS TO THE BOARD AN INACTIVE LICENSE FEE OF \$25.

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY RETURN TO ACTIVE STATUS IF THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(H) IF A RENEWAL APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MORE THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE LICENSE EXPIRES, THE LICENSE MAY BE RENEWED ONLY IF THE APPLICANT PAYS TO THE BOARD A \$25 LATE FEE IN ADDITION TO THE RENEWAL FEE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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CHAPTER 315

(Senate Bill 61)

AN ACT concerning

Alcohol Abuse and Drug Abuse Treatment - Inmates