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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 1.6. Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act [920 - 922] (*Chapter 1.6 added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1085, Sec. 7.*)

920. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act.

(*Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1085, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2003.*)

921. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(1) In times of national or state disasters, a shortage of qualified health care practitioners may exist in areas throughout the state where they are desperately required to respond to public health emergencies.

(2) Health care practitioners with lapsed or inactive licenses could potentially serve in those areas where a shortage of qualified health care practitioners exists, if licensing requirements were streamlined and fees curtailed.

(b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to address these matters through the provisions of the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act.

(*Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1085, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2003.*)

922. (a) A physician and surgeon who satisfies the requirements of Section 2439 but whose license has been expired for less than five years may be licensed under this chapter.

(b) To be licensed under this chapter, a physician and surgeon shall complete an application, on a form prescribed by the Medical Board of California, and submit it to the board, along with the following:

(1) Documentation that the applicant has completed the continuing education requirements described in Article 10 (commencing with Section 2190) of Chapter 5 for each renewal period during which the applicant was not licensed.

(2) A complete set of fingerprints as required by Sections 144 and 2082, together with the fee required for processing those fingerprints.

(c) An applicant shall not be required to pay any licensing, delinquency, or penalty fees for the issuance of a license under this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1085, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2003.*)