

By Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to temporary certificates for
3 physicians practicing in areas of critical need;
4 amending ss. 458.315 and 459.0076, F.S.; naming the
5 temporary certificates issued to physicians who
6 practice in areas of critical need after Rear Admiral
7 LeRoy Collins, Jr.; providing an effective date.
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9 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., U.S. Navy
10 Reserve, Retired, was a fifth-generation Floridian from a family
11 dedicated to public service, and Admiral Collins furthered such
12 dedication through his years of public service to the State of
13 Florida and the United States of America, and

14 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., was a Naval
15 Academy graduate and served in the United States Navy and Navy
16 Reserve for 34 years, retiring as a two-star Admiral, and

17 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., in his service as
18 the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans'
19 Affairs, recognized the valuable resource of Florida's military
20 veterans to this state and diligently pursued efforts to use the
21 valuable skills provided by Florida's military veterans, and

22 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., recognized the
23 fact that, as this state's population grows and continues to
24 age, retired physicians, particularly those retiring from the
25 armed services, might serve to enhance access to health care,
26 particularly for underserved populations and geographic areas in
27 critical need of health care services, and

28 WHEREAS, the leadership of Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr.,
29 brought together diverse interested parties, creating an avenue

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30 for this state to more effectively recognize and use the
31 potential assets provided by retired physicians, particularly
32 military physicians, to help meet this state's need for more
33 physicians to serve underserved populations and serve in
34 geographic areas in critical need of health care services, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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39 Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (4) of section
40 458.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
41 through (5), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
42 that section, to read:

43 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
44 critical need.—

45 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
46 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
47 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

48 Section 2. Present subsections (1) through (4) of section
49 459.0076, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
50 through (5), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
51 that section, to read:

52 459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
53 critical need.—

54 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
55 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
56 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.