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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2209 Session of  
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FEBRUARY 2, 2000

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2000

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), entitled  
2 "An act providing for volunteer health services; limiting  
3 liability of a volunteer license holder; and requiring  
4 reports," allowing doctors with volunteer licenses to  
5 prescribe medication to family members.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141),  
9 known as the Volunteer Health Services Act, is amended by adding  
10 a section to read:

11 Section 10.1. Prescription of medication for family members.

12 (a) General rule.--A holder of a volunteer license, who was  
13 able to prescribe medication pursuant to the laws of this  
14 Commonwealth while a licensee, may prescribe medication to  
15 members of his family notwithstanding the family member's

1 ability to pay for his own care or whether the family members  
2 are being treated at an approved clinic. For purposes of this  
3 section, family members shall be limited to a volunteer license  
4 holder's wife, children, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, mother,  
5 father, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sisters-in-law,  
6 brothers-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren or cousins.

7 (b) Liability.--The liability provisions of section 7(a)  
8 shall apply to a holder of a volunteer license who prescribes  
9 medication to a family member pursuant to this section, whether  
10 or not the provisions of section 7(b) have been followed.

11 (c) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be  
12 construed to allow a volunteer license holder to prescribe  
13 medication of a type or in a manner prohibited by the laws of  
14 this Commonwealth.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.