

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2209 Session of
2000

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E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRELLO, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN AND
HENNESSEY, FEBRUARY 2, 2000

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MAY 10, 2000

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 ANY MEMBER OF HIS family notwithstanding the

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~~family member's ability to pay for his own care or whether the~~
~~family members are being treated at an approved clinic. For~~
~~purposes of this section, family members shall be limited to a~~
~~volunteer license holder's spouse, children, daughters in law,~~
~~sons in law, mother, father, siblings, mother in law, father in~~
~~law, sisters in law, brothers in law, grandparents,~~
~~grandchildren or cousins. THAT MEMBER'S OWN CARE OR WHETHER THAT~~
~~MEMBER IS BEING TREATED AT AN APPROVED CLINIC.~~

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

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

(D) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "FAMILY
MEMBER" MEANS A VOLUNTEER LICENSE HOLDERS'S SPOUSE, CHILD,
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, SON-IN-LAW, MOTHER, FATHER, SIBLING, MOTHER-IN-
LAW, FATHER-IN-LAW, SISTER-IN-LAW, BROTHER-IN-LAW, GRANDPARENT,
GRANDCHILD, NIECE, NEPHEW OR COUSIN.

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