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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 20, 2007

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled~~ <—
2 ~~"An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the~~
3 ~~executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the~~
4 ~~Executive Department thereof and the administrative~~
5 ~~departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,~~
6 ~~including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or~~
7 ~~Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or~~
8 ~~authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative~~
9 ~~departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and~~
10 ~~duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative~~
11 ~~officers, and of the several administrative departments,~~
12 ~~boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the~~
13 ~~Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive~~
14 ~~and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of~~
15 ~~certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and~~
16 ~~other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,~~
17 ~~and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the~~
18 ~~number and compensation of the deputies and all other~~
19 ~~assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and~~
20 ~~commissions shall be determined," providing for biennial~~
21 ~~renewal of certain licenses for volunteer health services;~~
22 ~~and making an inconsistent repeal.~~

23 AMENDING THE ACT OF DECEMBER 4, 1996 (P.L.893, NO.141), ENTITLED <—
24 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTH SERVICES; LIMITING
25 LIABILITY OF A VOLUNTEER LICENSE HOLDER; AND REQUIRING
26 REPORTS," FURTHER PROVIDING FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTINUING
27 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND DISCIPLINARY AND CORRECTIVE
28 MEASURES.

29 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 ~~Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known <—~~
3 ~~as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a~~
4 ~~section to read:~~

5 ~~Section 815. Biennial Renewal of Licenses for Volunteer~~
6 ~~Health Services.—(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of~~
7 ~~law to the contrary, physicians who hold volunteer licenses~~
8 ~~under the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), known as~~
9 ~~the "Volunteer Health Services Act," shall complete a minimum of~~
10 ~~twenty (20) credit hours of American Medical Association~~
11 ~~Physician's Recognition Award Category 2 activities during the~~
12 ~~preceding biennial period as a condition of biennial renewal and~~
13 ~~are otherwise exempt from any continuing education requirement~~
14 ~~imposed by section 910 of the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154,~~
15 ~~No.13), known as the "Medical Care Availability and Reduction of~~
16 ~~Error (Meare) Act," or by rulemaking of a board as defined in~~
17 ~~the "Volunteer Health Services Act."~~

18 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the~~
19 ~~contrary, nurses who hold volunteer licenses under the~~
20 ~~"Volunteer Health Services Act" shall complete a minimum of~~
21 ~~twenty (20) credit hours of continuing education during the~~
22 ~~preceding biennial period as a condition of biennial renewal and~~
23 ~~are otherwise exempt from any continuing education requirement~~
24 ~~imposed by section 12 of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317,~~
25 ~~No.69), known as "The Professional Nursing Law," or by~~
26 ~~rulemaking of a board as defined in the "Volunteer Health~~
27 ~~Services Act."~~

28 ~~Section 2. The provisions of the act of December 4, 1996~~
29 ~~(P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act,~~
30 ~~are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition~~

1 ~~of section 815 of the act.~~

2 ~~Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

3 SECTION 1. SECTION 6 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 4, 1996 <—
4 (P.L.893, NO.141), KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEER HEALTH SERVICES ACT,
5 IS AMENDED TO READ:

6 SECTION 6. LICENSE RENEWAL; DISCIPLINARY AND CORRECTIVE
7 MEASURES.

8 (A) RENEWAL TERM.--A VOLUNTEER LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
9 BIENNIAL RENEWAL.

10 (B) FEE EXEMPTION.--HOLDERS OF VOLUNTEER LICENSES SHALL BE
11 EXEMPT FROM RENEWAL FEES IMPOSED BY THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING
12 BOARD. [VOLUNTEER]

13 (C) CONTINUING EDUCATION.--EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION

14 (D), VOLUNTEER LICENSEES SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY CONTINUING
15 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY BOARD RULEMAKING AS A GENERAL
16 CONDITION OF BIENNIAL RENEWAL.

17 (D) NURSES.--VOLUNTEER LICENSEES WHO ARE NURSES SHALL
18 COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 20 CREDIT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
19 DURING THE PRECEDING BIENNIAL PERIOD AS A CONDITION OF BIENNIAL
20 RENEWAL AND ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION
21 REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY SECTION 12.1 OF THE ACT OF MAY 22, 1951
22 (P.L.317, NO.69), KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING LAW, AS A
23 CONDITION OF BIENNIAL RENEWAL.

24 (E) DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.--IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF
25 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, HOLDERS OF VOLUNTEER LICENSES SHALL BE
26 SUBJECT TO THOSE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT APPLICABLE TO ALL
27 LICENSEES LICENSED BY THE APPROPRIATE BOARD.

28 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.