

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

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WOZNIAK, BROWNE, BAKER, PILEGGI AND STACK, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

SENATOR GREENLEAF, JUDICIARY, AS AMENDED, MARCH 13, 2007

## 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," further providing for license renewal, continuing  
5 education requirements and disciplinary and corrective  
6 measures.

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

9 Section 1. Section 6 of the act of December 4, 1996  
10 (P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act,  
11 is amended to read:

12 Section 6. License renewal; disciplinary and corrective  
13 measures.

14 (a) Renewal term.--A volunteer license shall be subject to  
15 biennial renewal.

16 (b) Fee exemption.--Holders of volunteer licenses shall be  
17 exempt from renewal fees imposed by the appropriate licensing  
18 board. [Volunteer+ LICENSEES]

19 (c) Continuing education.--Except as set forth in subsection

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1 ~~(d), volunteer licensees~~ HOLDERS OF VOLUNTEER LICENSES shall <—  
2 comply with any continuing education requirements imposed by  
3 board rulemaking as a general condition of biennial renewal.

4 ~~(d) Physicians. Volunteer licensees who are physicians~~ <—  
5 ~~shall complete a minimum of 20 credit hours of American Medical~~  
6 ~~Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 2 activities~~  
7 ~~during the preceding biennial period as a condition of biennial~~  
8 ~~renewal and are otherwise exempt from any continuing education~~  
9 ~~requirement imposed by section 910 of the act of March 20, 2002~~  
10 ~~(P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and~~  
11 ~~Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, or by board rulemaking.~~

12 (D) PHYSICIANS.-- <—

13 (1) HOLDERS OF VOLUNTEER LICENSES WHO ARE PHYSICIANS  
14 SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 20 CREDIT HOURS OF AMERICAN  
15 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PHYSICIAN'S RECOGNITION AWARD CATEGORY 2  
16 ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRECEDING BIENNIAL PERIOD AS A  
17 CONDITION OF BIENNIAL RENEWAL AND ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM  
18 ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY SECTION 910  
19 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 20, 2002 (P.L.154, NO.13), KNOWN AS THE  
20 MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT,  
21 OR BY BOARD RULEMAKING.

22 (2) PHYSICIANS WHO ARE COVERED BY SECTION 10.2 AND HOLD  
23 AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE SHALL COMPLETE  
24 THE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY  
25 THE BOARDS UNDER SECTION 910 OF THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY  
26 AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL  
27 OF THE UNRESTRICTED LICENSE.

28 (e) Disciplinary matters.--In the enforcement of  
29 disciplinary matters, holders of volunteer licenses shall be  
30 subject to those standards of conduct applicable to all

1 licensees licensed by the appropriate board.

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

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3 IMMEDIATELY.

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