

No. 2000-76

AN ACT

HB 2209

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

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

Section 1. The act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act, is amended by adding a section to read:
Section 10.1. Prescription of medication for family members.

(a) General rule.—*A holder of a volunteer license who was able to prescribe medication pursuant to the laws of this Commonwealth while a licensee may prescribe medication to any member of his family notwithstanding the family member's ability to pay for 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 holder'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.

APPROVED—The 18th day of October, A.D. 2000.

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