

No. 2007-29

## AN ACT

SB 72

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

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

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

Section 6. License renewal; disciplinary and corrective measures.

(a) *Renewal term.*—A volunteer license shall be subject to biennial renewal.

(b) *Fee exemption.*—Holders of volunteer licenses shall be exempt from renewal fees imposed by the appropriate licensing board. [Volunteer licensees]

(c) *Continuing education.*—*Except as set forth in subsection (d), holders of volunteer licenses shall comply with any continuing education requirements imposed by board rulemaking as a general condition of biennial renewal.*

(d) *Physicians.*—

*(1) Holders of volunteer licenses who are physicians shall complete a minimum of 20 credit hours of American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 2 activities during the preceding biennial period as a condition of biennial renewal and are otherwise exempt from any continuing education requirement imposed by section 910 of the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, or by board rulemaking.*

*(2) Physicians who are covered by section 10.2 and hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine shall complete the continuing medical education requirements established by the boards under section 910 of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act to be eligible for renewal of the unrestricted license.*

(e) *Disciplinary matters.*—In the enforcement of disciplinary matters, holders of volunteer licenses shall be subject to those standards of conduct applicable to all licensees licensed by the appropriate board.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of July, A.D. 2007.

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