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HB1270

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2105/2105-17

Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. In a provision concerning the requirements that a health care professional must meet before he or she can have his or her license placed on volunteer status (rather than being granted a volunteer license), provides that a health care professional must possess an active license that is not currently subject to discipline or under investigation by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (rather than satisfaction of all requirements of the State licensing Act that applies to his or her health care profession and the rules adopted under the Act). Removes the volunteer licensure fee and removes references to volunteer licenses. Provides that a health care professional whose license is in volunteer status may request that the Department change the status of the license to active as long as the request for the change is made during the same renewal period in which the license was previously active or the license is renewed in the same manner, at the same time, and with the same conditions as an active license. Provides that a health care professional who holds an active license that was previously a volunteer license is subject to the requirements of the State licensing Act that applies to his or her health care profession and the rules adopted under the relevant Act. Provides that the Department may adopt rules for the administration of the provisions regarding volunteer licenses (rather than determining by rule the total number of volunteer licenses to be issued). Makes conforming and other changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law
5 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 changing Section 2105-17 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-17)

8 Sec. 2105-17. Volunteer license status ~~licenses~~.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

10 "Health care professional" means a physician licensed
11 under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, a dentist licensed
12 under the Illinois Dental Practice Act, an optometrist
13 licensed under the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987, a
14 physician assistant licensed under the Physician Assistant
15 Practice Act of 1987, and a nurse or advanced practice
16 registered nurse licensed under the Nurse Practice Act. The
17 Department may expand this definition by rule.

18 "Volunteer practice" means the practice of a licensed
19 health care professional for the benefit of an individual or
20 the public and without compensation for the health care
21 services provided.

22 (b) ~~A The Department may grant a volunteer license to a~~
23 health care professional may submit an application to the

1 Department to place his or her license on volunteer status if
2 the health care professional ~~who:~~

3 (1) holds an active license that is not currently
4 subject to discipline or under investigation by the
5 Department ~~meets all requirements of the State licensing~~
6 ~~Act that applies to his or her health care profession and~~
7 ~~the rules adopted under the Act; and~~

8 (2) agrees to engage in the volunteer practice of his
9 or her health care profession in a free medical clinic, as
10 defined in the Good Samaritan Act, or in a public health
11 clinic, as defined in Section 6-101 of the Local
12 Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunities
13 Act, and to not practice for compensation.

14 (c) An application submitted under this Section shall not
15 require payment of a fee. A license in volunteer status may be
16 renewed in the same manner, at the same time, and with the same
17 conditions as an active license, except that a renewal fee
18 shall not be required. ~~A volunteer license shall be granted in~~
19 ~~accordance with the licensing Act that applies to the health~~
20 ~~care professional's given health care profession, and the~~
21 ~~licensure fee shall be set by rule in accordance with~~
22 ~~subsection (f).~~

23 (d) A health care professional whose license is in
24 volunteer status may request the Department to change the
25 status to active as long as the request for the change is made
26 during the same renewal period in which the license was

1 previously active or the license is renewed in the same
2 manner, at the same time, and with the same conditions as an
3 active license. A health care professional who holds an active
4 license that was previously a volunteer license is subject to
5 the requirements of the State licensing Act that applies to
6 his or her health care profession and the rules adopted under
7 the relevant Act. ~~No health care professional shall hold a~~
8 ~~non volunteer license in a health care profession and a~~
9 ~~volunteer license in that profession at the same time. In the~~
10 ~~event that the health care professional obtains a volunteer~~
11 ~~license in the profession for which he or she holds a~~
12 ~~non volunteer license, that non volunteer license shall~~
13 ~~automatically be placed in inactive status. In the event that~~
14 ~~a health care professional obtains a non volunteer license in~~
15 ~~the profession for which he or she holds a volunteer license,~~
16 ~~the volunteer license shall be placed in inactive status.~~
17 Practicing on a license in volunteer status that does not meet
18 the requirements of subsection (b) ~~an expired volunteer~~
19 ~~license~~ constitutes the unlicensed practice of the health care
20 professional's profession.

21 (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to waive or
22 modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the
23 licensure or practice of any health care profession. A health
24 care professional whose license is in volunteer status ~~who~~
25 ~~holds a volunteer license~~ shall be subject to all statutes,
26 rules, and regulations governing his or her profession, except

1 ~~as provided in this Section. The Department shall waive the~~
2 ~~licensure fee for the first 500 volunteer licenses issued and~~
3 ~~may by rule provide for a fee waiver or fee reduction that~~
4 ~~shall apply to all licenses issued after the initial 500.~~

5 (f) The Department may adopt rules for the administration
6 of this Section. ~~shall determine by rule the total number of~~
7 ~~volunteer licenses to be issued. The Department shall file~~
8 ~~proposed rules implementing this Section within 6 months after~~
9 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General~~
10 ~~Assembly.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)