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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4593

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4593 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-17 new)

8 Sec. 2105-17. Volunteer 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, a physician assistant  
13 licensed under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987,  
14 and a nurse or advanced practice nurse licensed under the Nurse  
15 Practice Act. The Department may expand this definition by  
16 rule.

1       "Volunteer practice" means the practice of a licensed  
2 health care profession for the benefit of an individual or the  
3 public and without compensation for the health care services  
4 provided. "Compensation" does not include malpractice coverage  
5 provided by a free medical clinic or public health clinic for a  
6 health care professional.

7       (b) The Department may grant a volunteer license to a  
8 health care professional who:

9           (1) meets all requirements of the State licensing Act  
10 that applies to his or her health care profession and the  
11 rules adopted under the Act; and

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

18       (c) A volunteer license shall be granted in accordance with  
19 the licensing Act that applies to the health care  
20 professional's given health care profession, and the licensure  
21 fee shall be set by rule in accordance with subsection (f).

22       (d) No health care professional shall hold a non-volunteer  
23 license in a health care profession and a volunteer license in  
24 that profession at the same time. In the event that the health  
25 care professional obtains a volunteer license in the profession  
26 for which he or she holds a non-volunteer license, that

1 non-volunteer license shall automatically be placed in  
2 inactive status. In the event that a health care professional  
3 obtains a non-volunteer license in the profession for which he  
4 or she holds a volunteer license, the volunteer license shall  
5 be placed in inactive status. Practicing on an expired  
6 volunteer license constitutes the unlicensed practice of the  
7 health care professional's profession.

8 (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to waive or  
9 modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the  
10 licensure or practice of any health care profession. A health  
11 care professional who holds a volunteer license shall be  
12 subject to all statutes, rules, and regulations governing his  
13 or her profession. The Department shall waive the licensure fee  
14 for the first 500 volunteer licenses issued and may by rule  
15 provide for a fee waiver or fee reduction that shall apply to  
16 all licenses issued after the initial 500.

17 (f) The Department shall determine by rule the total number  
18 of volunteer licenses to be issued. The Department shall file  
19 proposed rules implementing this Section within 6 months after  
20 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General  
21 Assembly.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law."