

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 of
5 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 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, an optometrist licensed
13 under the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987, a physician
14 assistant licensed under the Physician Assistant Practice Act
15 of 1987, and a nurse or advanced practice nurse licensed under
16 the Nurse Practice Act. The Department may expand this
17 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) The Department may grant a volunteer license to a
23 health care professional who:

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

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

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

14 (d) No health care professional shall hold a non-volunteer
15 license in a health care profession and a volunteer license in
16 that profession at the same time. In the event that the health
17 care professional obtains a volunteer license in the profession
18 for which he or she holds a non-volunteer license, that
19 non-volunteer license shall automatically be placed in
20 inactive status. In the event that a health care professional
21 obtains a non-volunteer license in the profession for which he
22 or she holds a volunteer license, the volunteer license shall
23 be placed in inactive status. Practicing on an expired
24 volunteer license constitutes the unlicensed practice of the
25 health care professional's profession.

26 (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to waive or

1 modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the
2 licensure or practice of any health care profession. A health
3 care professional who holds a volunteer license shall be
4 subject to all statutes, rules, and regulations governing his
5 or her profession. The Department shall waive the licensure fee
6 for the first 500 volunteer licenses issued and may by rule
7 provide for a fee waiver or fee reduction that shall apply to
8 all licenses issued after the initial 500.

9 (f) The Department shall determine by rule the total number
10 of volunteer licenses to be issued. The Department shall file
11 proposed rules implementing this Section within 6 months after
12 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
13 Assembly.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.