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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteer health care professionals licensed in
2 a foreign jurisdiction; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Persons licensed as health care professionals in another state
7 or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, but not
8 licensed by a disciplining authority specified in RCW 18.130.040, may
9 practice in this state on a limited voluntary basis only as provided in
10 this section.

11 (2) The volunteer health care professional's license must be for a
12 profession substantially equivalent to a profession regulated by a
13 disciplining authority listed in RCW 18.130.040.

14 (3) At least thirty days prior to the first day of volunteer
15 practice, the volunteer health care professional must submit to the
16 department an attestation that includes, but is not limited to, the
17 following:

18 (a) A confirmation that the health care professional holds an

1 active license to practice in any state or territory of the United
2 States or the District of Columbia;

3 (b) A confirmation that the health care professional is not
4 presently subject to any disciplinary action or investigation for
5 criminal or professional misconduct in any jurisdiction;

6 (c) An acknowledgment that the health care professional understands
7 he or she may not perform any activity outside the relevant
8 professional scope of practice permitted under Washington law,
9 irrespective of the scope of practice permitted in his or her state or
10 territory of residence;

11 (d) A confirmation that the health care professional has not
12 volunteered in Washington for more than thirty days in the current
13 calendar year;

14 (e) The contact information of the organization sponsoring the
15 medical clinic or health care event, if any; and

16 (f) Anticipated volunteer practice dates.

17 (4) The attestation must be made on a form established by the
18 secretary.

19 (5) If the volunteer health care professional's practice is in
20 response to a declared state of emergency under RCW 43.06.010, he or
21 she must submit the attestation required in subsection (3) of this
22 section as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

23 (6) Neither the volunteer health care professional nor the
24 organization sponsoring a medical clinic or health care event, if any,
25 may charge for any time or services performed in Washington. However,
26 organizations sponsoring a medical clinic or health care event or
27 providing services during a declared state of emergency may pay or
28 reimburse the volunteer health care professional for actual incurred
29 travel costs.

30 (7) No health care professional permitted to practice in Washington
31 under this section may volunteer more than thirty days in any calendar
32 year unless in immediate response to a declared state of emergency
33 under RCW 43.06.010.

34 (8) Any organization sponsoring a medical clinic or health care
35 event using the services of any volunteer health care professional
36 permitted to practice under this section must:

37 (a) Independently verify each requirement in subsection (3) of this

1 section for each volunteer health care professional and retain proof of
2 verification for two years after the last day of the medical clinic or
3 health care event;

4 (b) Maintain the health care records of all patients evaluated or
5 treated by a volunteer health care professional in compliance with
6 chapter 70.02 RCW; and

7 (c) Ensure the health care records of all patients evaluated or
8 treated by a volunteer health care professional are accessible to
9 future health care professionals, if needed.

10 (9) This section does not create any civil liability on the part of
11 the state or any state agency, officer, employee, or agent.

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