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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 ten working 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 perform only within the relevant professional scope of
8 practice permitted under Washington law, or state of licensure,
9 whichever is more restrictive;

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

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

15 (f) Anticipated volunteer practice dates.

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

18 (5) Neither the volunteer health care professional nor the
19 organization sponsoring a medical clinic or health care event, if any,
20 may charge for any time or services performed in Washington. However,
21 organizations sponsoring a medical clinic or health care event may pay
22 or reimburse the volunteer health care professional for actual incurred
23 travel costs.

24 (6) No health care professional permitted to practice in Washington
25 under this section may volunteer more than thirty days in any calendar
26 year.

27 (7) Any organization sponsoring a medical clinic or health care
28 event using the services of any volunteer health care professional
29 permitted to practice under this section must:

30 (a) Independently verify each requirement in subsection (3) of this
31 section for each volunteer health care professional and retain proof of
32 verification for two years after the last day of the medical clinic or
33 health care event;

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

37 (c) Ensure the health care records of all patients evaluated or

1 treated by a volunteer health care professional are accessible to
2 future health care professionals, if needed, in compliance with chapter
3 70.02 RCW.

4 (8) This section does not create any civil liability on the part of
5 the state or any state agency, officer, employee, or agent.

6 (9) This section does not apply to the practice of health care
7 professionals under chapter 38.10 or 38.52 RCW or under an agreement
8 authorized by the United States congress for emergency management
9 assistance.

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