

## HB 190 -- Volunteer Health Services Act

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This bill establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act that allows a licensed health care provider to provide volunteer professional health care services for a sponsoring organization. Any person with a suspended or revoked license or who provides services outside the scope of his or her license is not eligible to provide services under the bill.

Before a health care professional can provide volunteer services, the sponsoring organization must register with the Department of Health and Senior Services and pay a \$50 fee. A sponsoring organization must file a quarterly voluntary services report with the department, keep its records of health care provider volunteers up to date, and maintain the records for five years following the service rendered by the health care provider volunteer.

Any health care provider volunteering his or her services will not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from his or her services so long as he or she exercises ordinary care when performing the services. A volunteer cannot receive any form of direct or indirect compensation, benefits, or consideration for his or her health care services. The volunteer must perform acts within the scope of his or her professional license and in compliance with all applicable health care regulations. Any volunteer crisis response team member who participates in a crisis intervention will not be liable in tort for any personal injuries or emotional distress of any participant to the intervention that is caused by the act or omission of the team member during an intervention with certain specified exceptions.