

HB 551 -- VOLUNTEERING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

SPONSOR: Derges

This bill allows a dentist, dental hygienist, assistant physician, physician, surgeon, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, optometrist, or psychologist to receive continuing education credit for volunteer work performed at a nonprofit. Each oversight board is responsible for determining how many hours of continuing education credit to award for each hour of volunteer work, as well as the maximum number of hours that can be awarded for such volunteer work.

This bill also allows a physician who is licensed in another state to occasionally gratuitously attend to the sick in Missouri, including in a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, without needing a license in Missouri. Currently, the physician must be licensed in a border state.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1995 (2020) and HB 687 (2019).