

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2934

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS.

6006H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to community health workers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.358, to read as follows:

192.358. 1. As used in this section, the term "community health worker" means a frontline public health worker who:

(1) Is a trusted member of or has an unusually close understanding of the community served and through such understanding serves as a liaison between health and social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery; and

(2) Builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities including, but not limited to, outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy.

2. The department of health and senior services shall establish a process to verify the credentials of community health workers. Any community health worker may seek verification of his or her credentials from the department of health and senior services. If the department of health and senior services verifies a community health worker's credentials, the community health worker may refer to that credentialed status in his or her communications used in the course of his or her work as a community health worker.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **3. Nothing in this section prohibits any person from working as a community**
18 **health worker in this state regardless of whether the person's credentials have been**
19 **verified in accordance with the provisions of this section.**

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