

BILL ANALYSIS

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<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure	<u>BILL NO.:</u>	HB 489
<u>PRIME SPONSOR:</u>	Rep. Schroder	<u>PRINTER NO.</u>	1992

This legislation would amend The Volunteer Health Services Act, Act of December 4, 1996 (P.L. 893, No.141), to reduce the continuing medical education requirement for licensed volunteer nurses. Under the proposal licensed volunteer nurses would be required to obtain 20 continuing medical education credits as a condition of biennial license renewal. Under current law, volunteer nurses must meet the biennial 30 hour continuing education requirement in order to maintain their volunteer license.

Volunteer health care providers are licensed by their respective licensing board, but their license is limited to providing free services in approved state and federal health centers, approved clinics which serve financially qualified individuals and clinics in medically under-served areas.

Under the Volunteer Health Services Act, Act of Dec. 4, 1996 (P.L. 893, No. 141), volunteer health care providers must comply with their licensing board's law and regulations for any continuing medical education requirements.

The bill would take effect in 60 days.