

BILL ANALYSIS

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COMMITTEE: Consumer Protection and
Professional Licensure

BILL NO.: SB 464

PRIME SPONSOR: Senator Browne

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This bill provides for use of volunteer time served in a community-based health care clinic by health care professionals to meet the mandatory continuing education requirements for health care professionals. A health care professional would be defined as a physician, dentist, dental hygienist, nurse, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant licensed, certified or registered with any of the licensure boards, within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Department of State.

A community-based health care clinic would be any nonprofit health care center located in this Commonwealth that provides health care services to low-income and uninsured individuals.

Each licensing board would determine the acceptable documentation for volunteer hours through regulation.

The Department of State shall submit a report to the chair and minority chair of the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Health and Human Resources Committee of the House of Representatives detailing the number of health care professionals who have applied volunteer hours served in a community-based health care clinic.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.