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1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §30-1-21; to amend and reenact §30-3-10a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,
3 as amended; to amend and reenact §30-3E-14; to amend and reenact §30-4-15 of said
4 code; to amend and reenact §30-5-17 of said code; to amend and reenact §30-7-6a of
5 said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-7-6b; to
6 amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-7A-6a; to amend and
7 reenact §30-8-16 of said code; to amend and reenact §30-14-12b of said code; to amend
8 said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-16-7a; to amend and reenact
9 §30-20-13 of said code; to amend and reenact §30-21-17 of said code; and to amend and
10 reenact §30-28-8a of said code, all relating to allowing professionals to donate time to the
11 care of indigent and needy; permitting persons who hold an unrestricted license,
12 certificate, registration or permit granted by another state or jurisdiction to serve as a
13 volunteer without compensation for a charitable function for a period not to exceed ten
14 days; permitting specific professionals who are actively practicing and whose license is in
15 good standing to donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
16 patients under an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery
17 of health care services without charge to the patient and providing that such services may
18 be performed in either the professional's office or in the clinical setting; and providing for
19 special volunteer license for advance practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses
20 and chiropractors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §30-1-21; that §30-3-10a of said code be amended and reenacted; that §30-
3 3E-14 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §30-4-15 of said code be amended and
4 reenacted; that §30-5-17 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §30-7-6a of said code be
5 amended and reenacted; that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated

6 §30-7-6b; that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-7A-6a;
7 that §30-8-16 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §30-14-12b of said code be amended
8 and reenacted; that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-16-
9 7a; that §30-20-13 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §30-21-17 of said code be
10 amended and reenacted; and that §30-28-8a of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read
11 as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF
EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

§30-1-21. Exemption from licensure for professional practice for a charitable function.

1 (a) A person holding an unrestricted license, certificate, registration or permit granted by
2 another state or jurisdiction to practice a profession or occupation licensed under this chapter may
3 serve as a volunteer without compensation for a charitable function for a period not to exceed ten
4 days, subject to the approval process described in this section: *Provided*, That a person who has
5 received any completed disciplinary actions in which discipline was ordered in any of the three
6 most recent years, or is the subject of any pending disciplinary actions is not eligible for this
7 charitable exemption from licensure.

8 (b) The person shall notify the board of the nature of the volunteer charitable practice, the
9 specific dates the person will participate in the charitable practice, and shall provide to the board
10 a list of all professional and occupational licenses, registrations, permits or certificates held in
11 each state or jurisdiction for the previous three years.

12 (c) Upon a review of the information required by this section, the board shall provide a
13 temporary authorization to a qualified volunteer to participate in the volunteer activity for the
14 duration not to exceed ten days. Each board shall keep a record of each authorization issued
15 pursuant to his section.

16 (d) The board may not charge a fee to authorize this charitable practice.

ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.

§30-3-10a. Special volunteer medical license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is hereby established a special volunteer medical license for physicians retired
2 or retiring from the active practice of medicine who wish to donate their expertise for the medical
3 care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in
4 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer
5 medical license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of Medicine to physicians licensed or
6 otherwise eligible for licensure under this article and the rules promulgated hereunder without the
7 payment of any application fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for a fiscal year or part
8 thereof, and shall be renewable annually. The board shall develop application forms for the
9 special license provided for in this subsection which shall contain the physician's acknowledgment
10 that:

11 (1) The physician's practice under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively
12 and totally devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

13 (2) the physician will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
14 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, but may donate to the clinic the
15 proceeds of any reimbursement for any medical services rendered under the special volunteer
16 medical license;

17 (3) the physician will supply any supporting documentation that the board may reasonably
18 require; and

19 (4) the physician agrees to continue to participate in continuing medical education as
20 required of physicians in active practice.

21 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of medicine in this state whose license is in
22 good standing may donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and
23 needy patients under an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery

24 of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered under an arrangement
25 may be performed in either the physician's office or the clinical setting.

26 (c) Any physician who renders any medical service to indigent and needy patients of a
27 clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge under
28 a special volunteer medical license authorized under subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to
29 an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without
30 payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune
31 from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of
32 the medical service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the physician's gross
33 negligence or willful misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there
34 must be a written agreement between the physician and the clinic pursuant to which the physician
35 will provide voluntary noncompensated medical services under the control of the clinic to patients
36 of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the physician at the clinic: *Provided*, That any
37 clinic entering into such written agreement shall be required to maintain liability coverage of not
38 less than \$1 million per occurrence.

39 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a clinic organized, in
40 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
41 liability for the negligent acts of a physician rendering voluntary medical services at or for the clinic
42 under a special volunteer medical license authorized under subsection (a) of this section or
43 pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

44 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
45 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section ten of this article and in the legislative
46 rules promulgated hereunder, except the fee requirements of subsections (b) and (d) of said
47 section and of the legislative rule promulgated by the board relating to fees.

48 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
49 volunteer medical license to any physician whose medical license is or has been subject to any

50 disciplinary action or to any physician who has surrendered a medical license or caused such
51 license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action
52 taken against his or her medical license, or who has elected to place a medical license in inactive
53 status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her medical
54 license, or who have been denied a medical license.

55 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
56 or delivered in this state to any physician covered under the provisions of this article shall be read
57 so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy waives or
58 agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary thereof, to any
59 claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity from liability of the
60 insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by a physician who
61 holds a special volunteer medical license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an
62 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section: *Provided*, That
63 this subsection shall not apply to a terminated policy, terminated contract of liability insurance or
64 extended reporting endorsement attached thereto that provides "tail insurance" as defined by
65 section two, article twenty-d, chapter thirty-three of this code: *Provided, however*, That nothing
66 within this subsection shall be construed to extend coverage under a terminated policy or
67 terminated contract of liability insurance or any extended reporting endorsement attached thereto
68 to: (1) Alter or amend the effective policy period of any policy, contract of liability insurance or
69 extended reporting endorsement; or (2) cover the treatment of indigent and needy patients by a
70 physician who holds a special volunteer medical license or who renders such care and treatment
71 pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 3E. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT.

§30-3E-14. Special volunteer physician assistant license.

1 (a) A special volunteer physician assistant license may be issued to a physician assistant
2 who:

3 (1) Is retired or is retiring from the active practice of medicine; and

4 (2) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent
5 and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery
6 of health care services without charge.

7 (b) The special volunteer physician assistant license shall be issued by the appropriate
8 licensing board:

9 (1) To a physician assistant licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure under this article;

10 (2) Without the payment of any fee; and

11 (3) The initial license shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing period.

12 (c) The special volunteer physician assistant license shall be renewed consistent with the
13 appropriate licensing board's other licensing requirements.

14 (d) The appropriate licensing board shall develop application forms for the special
15 volunteer physician assistant license which shall contain the physician assistant's
16 acknowledgment that:

17 (1) The physician assistant's practice under the special volunteer physician assistant
18 license shall be exclusively devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in
19 West Virginia;

20 (2) The physician assistant will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or
21 indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for any medical services
22 rendered under the special volunteer physician assistant license;

23 (3) The physician assistant shall supply any supporting documentation that the appropriate
24 licensing board may reasonably require; and

25 (4) The physician assistant agrees to continue to participate in continuing education as
26 required by the appropriate licensing board for the special volunteer physician assistant license.

27 (e) A physician assistant and his or her collaborating physician who render medical service
28 to indigent and needy patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health

29 care services without charge, under a special volunteer physician assistant license, without
30 payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation, are
31 immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the
32 rendering of the medical service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the
33 physician assistant's and his or her collaborating physician's gross negligence or willful
34 misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there shall be a written
35 agreement between the physician assistant and the clinic pursuant to which the physician
36 assistant shall provide voluntary uncompensated medical services under the control of the clinic
37 to patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the physician assistant at the clinic.
38 Any clinic entering into a written agreement is required to maintain liability coverage of not less
39 than \$1 million per occurrence.

40 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for
41 the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed liability for the
42 negligent acts of a physician assistant rendering voluntary medical services at or for the clinic
43 under a special volunteer physician assistant license.

44 (g) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
45 of all the requirements for licensure under this article, except the fee requirements.

46 (h) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the appropriate licensing board
47 to issue a special volunteer physician assistant license to any physician assistant whose license
48 is or has been subject to any disciplinary action or to any physician assistant who has surrendered
49 a physician assistant license or caused his or her license to lapse, expire and become invalid in
50 lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has
51 elected to place a physician assistant license in inactive status in lieu of having a complaint
52 initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has been denied a physician
53 assistant license.

54 (i) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
55 or delivered in this state to any physician assistant covered under the provisions of this article
56 shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing the policy
57 waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary
58 thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of the policy within the policy limits, the immunity from
59 liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by a
60 physician assistant who holds a special volunteer physician assistant license.

ARTICLE 4. WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL PRACTICE ACT.

§30-4-15. Special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is continued a special volunteer dentist and dental hygienist license for dentist
2 and dental hygienists retired or retiring from the active practice of dentistry and dental hygiene
3 who wish to donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in
4 the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services
5 without charge. The special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license shall be issued by the
6 board to dentist or dental hygienists licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure under this article
7 and the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of an application fee, license
8 fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing period and renewed
9 consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The board shall develop application
10 forms for the special license provided in this subsection which shall contain the dental hygienist's
11 acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The dentist or dental hygienist's practice under the special volunteer dentist or dental
13 hygienist license will be exclusively devoted to providing dentistry or dental hygiene care to needy
14 and indigent persons in West Virginia;

15 (2) The dentist or dental hygienist will not receive any payment or compensation, either
16 direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the

17 clinic the proceeds of any reimbursement, for any dentistry or dental hygiene services rendered
18 under the special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license;

19 (3) The dentist or dental hygienist will supply any supporting documentation that the board
20 may reasonably require; and

21 (4) The dentist or dental hygienist agrees to continue to participate in continuing
22 professional education as required by the board for the special volunteer dentist or dental
23 hygienist.

24 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in this state
25 whose license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent
26 and needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
27 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
28 arrangement may be performed in either the office of the dentist or dental hygienist or the clinical
29 setting.

30 (c) Any dentist or dental hygienist who renders any dentistry or dental hygiene service to
31 indigent and needy patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care
32 services without charge under a special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license authorized
33 under subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized
34 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without payment or compensation or the expectation or
35 promise of payment or compensation is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any
36 act or omission resulting from the rendering of the dental hygiene service at the clinic unless the
37 act or omission was the result of the dentist's or dental hygienist's gross negligence or willful
38 misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there shall be a written
39 agreement between the dentist or dental hygienist and the clinic pursuant to which the dentist or
40 dental hygienist will provide voluntary uncompensated dental hygiene services under the control
41 of the clinic to patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the dentist or dental

42 hygienist at the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required
43 to maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

44 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
45 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
46 liability for the negligent acts of a dentist or dental hygienist rendering voluntary dental hygiene
47 services at or for the clinic under a special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license authorized
48 under subsection (a) of this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an
49 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

50 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
51 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section eight of this article and in the legislative
52 rules promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of subdivision (6) of said section and
53 of the legislative rules promulgated by the board relating to fees.

54 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
55 volunteer dentist or dental hygienist license to any dentist or dental hygienist whose license is or
56 has been subject to any disciplinary action or to any dentist or dental hygienist who has
57 surrendered a license or caused such license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having
58 a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her dentist or dental hygienist license, or
59 who has elected to place a dentist or dental hygienist license in inactive status in lieu of having a
60 complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has been denied a
61 dentist or dental hygienist license.

62 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
63 or delivered in this state to any dentist or dental hygienist covered under the provisions of this
64 article shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing
65 such policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any
66 beneficiary thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the
67 immunity from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent

68 patients by a dentist or dental hygienist who holds a special volunteer dentist or dental hygienist
69 license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as
70 authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

**ARTICLE 5. PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY TECHNICIANS, PHARMACY INTERNS
AND PHARMACIES.**

**§30-5-17. Special volunteer pharmacist license; civil immunity for voluntary services
rendered to indigents.**

1 (a) There is a special volunteer pharmacist license for pharmacists retired or retiring from
2 the active practice of pharmacist care who wish to donate their expertise for the pharmacist care
3 and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole
4 or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer pharmacist
5 license shall be issued by the board to pharmacists licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure
6 under this article and the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of an
7 application fee, license fee or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued for the remainder
8 of the licensing period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The
9 board shall develop application forms for the special license provided in this subsection which
10 shall contain the pharmacist's acknowledgment that:

11 (1) The pharmacist's practice under the special volunteer pharmacist license shall be
12 exclusively devoted to providing pharmacist care to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

13 (2) The pharmacist may not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
14 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, but may donate to the clinic the
15 proceeds of any reimbursement for any pharmacist care rendered under the special volunteer
16 pharmacist license;

17 (3) The pharmacist will supply any supporting documentation that the board may
18 reasonably require; and

19 (4) The pharmacist agrees to continue to participate in continuing professional education
20 as required by the board for the special volunteer pharmacist license.

21 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of pharmacist care in this state whose
22 license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and
23 needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
24 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
25 arrangement may be performed in either the pharmacist's office or the clinical setting.

26 (c) Any pharmacist who renders any pharmacist care to indigent and needy patients of a
27 clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge under
28 a special volunteer pharmacist license authorized under subsection (a) of this section or pursuant
29 to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without
30 payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune
31 from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of
32 the pharmacist care at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the pharmacist's
33 gross negligence or willful misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply,
34 there shall be a written agreement between the pharmacist and the clinic pursuant to which the
35 pharmacist provides voluntary uncompensated pharmacist care under the control of the clinic to
36 patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the pharmacist at the clinic: *Provided,*
37 That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to maintain liability coverage of
38 not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

39 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
40 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
41 liability for the negligent acts of a pharmacist rendering voluntary pharmacist care at or for the
42 clinic under a special volunteer pharmacist license authorized under subsection (a) of this section
43 or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized
44 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

45 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
46 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section nine of this article and in the legislative
47 rules promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of that section and of the legislative
48 rules promulgated by the board relating to fees.

49 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
50 volunteer pharmacist license to any pharmacist whose license is or has been subject to any
51 disciplinary action or to any pharmacist who has surrendered a license or caused such license to
52 lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken
53 against his or her license, or who has elected to place a pharmacist license in inactive status in
54 lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has
55 been denied a pharmacist license.

56 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
57 or delivered in this state to any pharmacist covered under the provisions of this article shall be
58 read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy
59 waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary
60 thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity
61 from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by
62 a pharmacist who holds a special volunteer pharmacist license or who renders such care and
63 treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of
64 this section.

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

**§30-7-6a. Special volunteer registered professional nurse license; civil immunity for
voluntary services rendered to indigents.**

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for registered professional nurses
2 retired or retiring from the active practice of nursing who wish to donate their expertise for the
3 care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in

4 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer
5 registered professional nurse license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for
6 registered professional nurses to registered professional nurses licensed or otherwise eligible for
7 licensure under this article and the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the payment
8 of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing
9 period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The board shall
10 develop application forms for the special license provided in this subsection which shall contain
11 the registered professional nurse's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The registered professional nurse's practice under the special volunteer registered
13 professional nurse license will be exclusively devoted to providing nursing care to needy and
14 indigent persons in West Virginia;

15 (2) The registered professional nurse will not receive any payment or compensation, either
16 direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the
17 clinic the proceeds of any reimbursement, for any nursing services rendered under the special
18 volunteer registered professional nurse license;

19 (3) The registered professional nurse will supply any supporting documentation that the
20 board may reasonably require; and

21 (4) The registered professional nurse agrees to continue to participate in continuing
22 education as required by the board for the special volunteer registered professional nurse license.

23 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of nursing in this state whose license is in
24 good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
25 patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of
26 health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an arrangement
27 may be performed in either the office of the registered professional nurse or the clinical setting.

28 (c) Any registered professional nurse who renders nursing service to indigent and needy
29 patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without

30 charge under a special volunteer registered professional nurse license authorized under
31 subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant
32 to subsection (b) of this section without payment or compensation or the expectation or promise
33 of payment or compensation is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or
34 omission resulting from the rendering of the nursing service at the clinic unless the act or omission
35 was the result of the registered professional nurse's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In
36 order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there must be a written agreement between
37 the registered professional nurse and the clinic pursuant to which the registered professional
38 nurse will provide voluntary uncompensated nursing services under the control of the clinic to
39 patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the registered professional nurse at
40 the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to maintain
41 liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

42 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
43 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
44 liability for the negligent acts of a registered professional nurse rendering voluntary nursing
45 services at or for the clinic under a special volunteer registered professional nurse license
46 authorized under subsection (a) of this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant
47 to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

48 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
49 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section six of this article and in the legislative rules
50 promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of that section and of the legislative rules
51 promulgated by the board relating to fees.

52 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
53 volunteer registered professional nurse license to any registered professional nurse whose
54 license is or has been subject to any disciplinary action or to any registered professional nurse
55 who has surrendered his or her license or caused such license to lapse, expire and become

56 invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or
57 who has elected to place a registered professional nurse license in inactive status in lieu of having
58 a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has been denied a
59 registered professional nurse license.

60 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
61 or delivered in this state to any registered professional nurse covered under the provisions of this
62 article shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing
63 such policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any
64 beneficiary thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the
65 immunity from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent
66 patients by a registered professional nurse who holds a special volunteer registered professional
67 nurse license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic
68 as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

§30-7-6b. Special volunteer license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for advanced practice registered
2 nurses retired or retiring from the active practice of nursing who wish to donate their expertise for
3 the care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized,
4 in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer
5 advanced practice registered nurse license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of
6 Examiners for Registered professional nurses to advanced practice registered nurses licensed or
7 otherwise eligible for licensure pursuant to this article and the rules promulgated hereunder
8 without the payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for the
9 remainder of the licensing period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing
10 requirements. The board shall develop application forms for the special license provided in this
11 subsection which shall contain the advanced practice registered nurse's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The advanced practice registered nurse's practice pursuant to the special volunteer
13 advanced practice registered nurses license will be exclusively devoted to providing nursing care
14 to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

15 (2) The advanced practice registered nurse will not receive any payment or compensation,
16 either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate
17 to the clinic the proceeds of any reimbursement, for any nursing services rendered pursuant to
18 the special volunteer advanced practice registered nurse license;

19 (3) The advanced practice registered nurse will supply any supporting documentation that
20 the board may reasonably require; and

21 (4) The advanced practice registered nurse agrees to continue to participate in continuing
22 education as required by the board for the special volunteer advanced practice registered nurse
23 license.

24 (b) Any person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in this state whose
25 license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and
26 needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
27 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
28 arrangement may be performed in either the office of the advanced practice registered nurses or
29 the clinical setting.

30 (c) A advanced practice registered nurse and his or her collaborating physician who render
31 nursing service to indigent and needy patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
32 delivery of health care services without charge pursuant to a special volunteer advanced practice
33 registered nurse license authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to an
34 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without payment
35 or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune from
36 liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of the
37 nursing service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the advanced practice

38 registered nurse's and his or her collaborating physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
39 For the immunity pursuant to this subsection to apply, there must be a written agreement between
40 the licensed practical nurse and the clinic pursuant to which the advanced practice registered
41 nurse will provide voluntary uncompensated nursing services under the control of the clinic to
42 patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the advanced practice registered
43 nurse at the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to
44 maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

45 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
46 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
47 liability for the negligent acts of a advanced practice registered nurse rendering voluntary nursing
48 services at or for the clinic pursuant to a special volunteer advanced practice registered nurse
49 license authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or who renders such care and
50 treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of
51 this section.

52 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
53 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section six of this article and in the rules
54 promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of that section and of the legislative rules
55 promulgated by the board relating to fees.

56 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
57 volunteer advanced practice registered nurse license to any advanced practice registered nurse
58 whose license is or has been subject to any disciplinary action or to any advanced practice
59 registered nurse who has surrendered his or her license or caused such license to lapse, expire
60 and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her
61 license, or who has elected to place a advanced practice registered nurse license in inactive
62 status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or
63 who has been denied a advanced practice registered nurse license.

64 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
65 or delivered in this state to any advanced practice registered nurse covered pursuant to the
66 provisions of this article shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the
67 company issuing such policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the
68 policyholder or any beneficiary thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within
69 the policy limits, the immunity from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of
70 needy and indigent patients by a advanced practice registered nurse who holds a special
71 volunteer advanced practice registered nurse license or who renders such care and treatment
72 pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 7A. LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

§30-7A-6a. Special volunteer license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for licensed practical nurses retired or
2 retiring from the active practice of nursing who wish to donate their expertise for the care and
3 treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole or in
4 part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer license provided
5 by this section shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for licensed practical
6 nurses to licensed practical nurses licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure pursuant to this
7 article and the rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of an application fee, license
8 fee or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing period,
9 and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The board shall develop
10 application forms for the special license provided in this subsection which shall contain the
11 licensed practical nurse's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The licensed practical nurse's practice pursuant to the special volunteer licensed
13 practical nurse license will be exclusively devoted to providing nursing care to needy and indigent
14 persons in West Virginia;

15 (2) The licensed practical nurse will not receive any payment or compensation, either
16 direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the
17 clinic the proceeds of any reimbursement, for any nursing services rendered pursuant to the
18 special volunteer licensed practical nurse license;

19 (3) The licensed practical nurse will supply any supporting documentation that the board
20 may reasonably require; and

21 (4) The licensed practical nurse agrees to continue to participate in continuing education
22 as required by the board for the special volunteer licensed practical nurse license.

23 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of licensed practical nursing in this state
24 whose license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent
25 and needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
26 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
27 arrangement may be performed in either the office of the licensed practical nurse or the clinical
28 setting.

29 (c) Any licensed practical nurse who renders nursing service to indigent and needy
30 patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without
31 charge pursuant to a special volunteer licensed practical nurse license authorized pursuant to
32 subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant
33 to subsection (b) of this section without payment or compensation or the expectation or promise
34 of payment or compensation is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or
35 omission resulting from the rendering of the nursing service at the clinic unless the act or omission
36 was the result of the licensed practical nurse's gross negligence or willful misconduct. For the
37 immunity pursuant to this subsection to apply, there must be a written agreement between the
38 licensed practical nurse and the clinic pursuant to which the licensed practical nurse will provide
39 voluntary uncompensated nursing services under the control of the clinic to patients of the clinic
40 before the rendering of any services by the licensed practical nurse at the clinic: *Provided, That*

41 any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to maintain liability coverage of not less
42 than \$1 million per occurrence.

43 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, a clinic organized, in
44 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
45 liability for the negligent acts of a licensed practical nurse rendering voluntary nursing services at
46 or for the clinic pursuant to a special volunteer licensed practical nurse license authorized
47 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an
48 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

49 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
50 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section six of this article and in the rules
51 promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of that section and of the legislative rules
52 promulgated by the board relating to fees.

53 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
54 volunteer licensed practical nurse license to any licensed practical nurse whose license is or has
55 been subject to any disciplinary action or to any licensed practical nurse who has surrendered his
56 or her license or caused such license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having a
57 complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has elected to place a
58 licensed practical nurse license in inactive status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other
59 action taken against his or her license, or who has been denied a licensed practical nurse license.

60 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
61 or delivered in this state to any licensed practical nurse covered pursuant to the provisions of this
62 article shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing
63 such policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any
64 beneficiary thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the
65 immunity from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent
66 patients by a licensed practical nurse who holds a special volunteer licensed practical nurse

67 license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as
68 authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 8. OPTOMETRISTS.

**§30-8-16. Special volunteer license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to
indigents.**

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for optometrists who are retired or are
2 retiring from the active practice of optometry and wish to donate their expertise for the care and
3 treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole or in
4 part, for the delivery of health care services without charge.

5 (b) The special volunteer license shall be issued by the board to optometrists licensed or
6 otherwise eligible for licensure under this article without the payment of an application fee, license
7 fee or renewal fee, and shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing period, and renewed
8 consistent with the boards other licensing requirements.

9 (c) The board shall develop application forms for the special volunteer license provided in
10 this section which shall contain the optometrist's acknowledgment that:

11 (1) The optometrist's practice under the special volunteer license will be exclusively
12 devoted to providing optometrical care to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

13 (2) The optometrist will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
14 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic the
15 proceeds of any reimbursement, for any optometrical services rendered under the special
16 volunteer license;

17 (3) The optometrist will supply any supporting documentation that the board may
18 reasonably require; and

19 (4) The optometrist agrees to continue to participate in continuing education as required
20 by the board for a special volunteer license.

21 (d) Any person engaged in the active practice of optometry in this state whose license is
22 in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
23 patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of
24 health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an arrangement
25 may be performed in either the office of the optometrist or the clinical setting.

26 (e) Any optometrist who renders any optometrical service to indigent and needy patients
27 of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge,
28 under a special volunteer license authorized under this section or pursuant to an arrangement
29 with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (d) of this section without payment or
30 compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune from liability
31 for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of the
32 optometrical service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the optometrist's
33 gross negligence or willful misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply,
34 before the rendering of any services by the optometrist at the clinic, there must be a written
35 agreement between the optometrist and the clinic stating that the optometrist will provide
36 voluntary uncompensated optometrical services under the control of the clinic to patients of the
37 clinic before the rendering of any services by the optometrist at the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic
38 entering into such written agreement is required to maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1
39 million per occurrence.

40 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, a clinic organized, in
41 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
42 liability for the negligent acts of an optometrist rendering voluntary optometrical services at or for
43 the clinic under a special volunteer license under this section or who renders such care and
44 treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (d) of
45 this section.

46 (g) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
47 of all the requirements for licensure in this article except the fee requirements.

48 (h) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
49 volunteer license to any optometrist whose license is or has been subject to any disciplinary action
50 or to any optometrist who has surrendered a license or caused such license to lapse, expire and
51 become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her
52 license, or who has elected to place a license in inactive status in lieu of having a complaint
53 initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has been denied a license.

54 (i) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
55 or delivered in this state to any optometrist covered under the provisions of this article shall be
56 read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy
57 waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary
58 thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity
59 from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by
60 an optometrist who holds a special volunteer license or who renders such care and treatment
61 pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

ARTICLE 14. OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

§30-14-12b. Special volunteer medical license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is hereby established a special volunteer medical license for physicians retired
2 or retiring from the active practice of osteopathy who wish to donate their expertise for the medical
3 care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in
4 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special volunteer
5 medical license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine to physicians
6 licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure under this article and the rules promulgated hereunder
7 without the payment of any application fee, license fee or renewal fee, shall be issued for a fiscal

8 year or part thereof, and shall be renewable annually. The board shall develop application forms
9 for the special license provided for in this subsection which shall contain the physician's
10 acknowledgment that: (1) The physician's practice under the special volunteer medical license
11 will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in
12 West Virginia; (2) the physician will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or
13 indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic the
14 proceeds of any reimbursement, for any medical services rendered under the special volunteer
15 medical license; (3) the physician will supply any supporting documentation that the board may
16 reasonably require; and (4) the physician agrees to continue to participate in continuing medical
17 education as required of physicians in active practice.

18 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of osteopathy in this state whose license is
19 in good standing may donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and
20 needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
21 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
22 arrangement may be performed in either the physician's office or the clinical setting.

23 (c) Any physician who renders any medical service to indigent and needy patients of clinics
24 organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge under a
25 special volunteer medical license authorized under subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to
26 an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without
27 payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune
28 from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of
29 the medical service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the physician's gross
30 negligence or willful misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there
31 must be a written agreement between the physician and the clinic pursuant to which the physician
32 will provide voluntary noncompensated medical services under the control of the clinic to patients
33 of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the physician at the clinic: *Provided*, That any

34 clinic entering into such written agreement shall be required to maintain liability coverage of not
35 less than \$1 million per occurrence.

36 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a clinic organized, in
37 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge shall not be relieved from
38 imputed liability for the negligent acts of a physician rendering voluntary medical services at or for
39 the clinic under a special volunteer medical license authorized under said subsection or who
40 renders such services pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to
41 subsection (b) of this section.

42 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
43 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section ten of this article and in the legislative
44 rules promulgated hereunder, except the fee requirements of subsections (b) and (d) of said
45 section and of the legislative rule promulgated by the board relating to fees.

46 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
47 volunteer medical license to any physician whose medical license is or has been subject to any
48 disciplinary action or to any physician who has surrendered a medical license or caused such
49 license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action
50 taken against his or her medical license, or who has elected to place a medical license in inactive
51 status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her medical
52 license, or who have been denied a medical license.

53 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
54 or delivered in this state to any physician covered under the provisions of this article shall be read
55 so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy waives or
56 agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary thereof, to any
57 claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity from liability of the
58 insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by a physician who

59 holds a special volunteer medical license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an
60 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 16. CHIROPRACTORS.

§30-16-7a. Special volunteer chiropractor license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for chiropractors retired or retiring from
2 active practice who wish to donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
3 patients in the clinical setting of clinics organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health
4 care services without charge. The special volunteer license provided by this section shall be
5 issued by the West Virginia Board of Chiropractic to chiropractors licensed or otherwise eligible
6 for licensure pursuant to this article and the rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of
7 an application fee, license fee or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued for the
8 remainder of the licensing period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing
9 requirements. The board shall develop application forms for the special volunteer license provided
10 in this section which shall contain the applicant's acknowledgment that:

11 (1) The applicant's practice pursuant to the special volunteer license will be exclusively
12 devoted to providing chiropractic care to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

13 (2) The applicant may not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
14 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic the
15 proceeds of any reimbursement for any chiropractic services rendered pursuant to the special
16 volunteer license;

17 (3) The applicant shall supply any supporting documentation that the board may
18 reasonably require; and

19 (4) The applicant shall continue to participate in continuing education as required by the
20 board for special volunteer chiropractor's licenses.

21 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of chiropractic in this state whose license
22 is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
23 patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of
24 health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an arrangement
25 may be performed in either the chiropractor's office or the clinical setting.

26 (c) Any chiropractor who renders any chiropractic service to indigent and needy patients
27 of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge
28 pursuant to a special volunteer license authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or an
29 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section without payment
30 or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation is immune from
31 liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the rendering of the
32 chiropractic service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of gross negligence or
33 willful misconduct on the part of the chiropractor. For the immunity pursuant to this subsection to
34 apply, there must be a written agreement between the chiropractor and the clinic stating that the
35 chiropractor will provide voluntary uncompensated chiropractic services under the control of the
36 clinic to patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the chiropractor at the clinic:
37 Provided, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to maintain liability
38 coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

39 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, a clinic organized, in
40 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
41 liability for the negligent acts of a chiropractor rendering voluntary chiropractic services at or for
42 the clinic pursuant to a special volunteer license authorized pursuant to this section or who
43 renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant
44 to subsection (b) of this section.

45 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
46 of all the requirements for licensure for a chiropractor except the fee requirements.

47 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
48 volunteer license to any chiropractor whose license is or has been subject to any disciplinary
49 action or to any chiropractor who has surrendered a license or caused a license to lapse, expire
50 and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her
51 license, or who has elected to place a license in inactive status in lieu of having a complaint
52 initiated or other action taken against his or her license or who has been denied a license.

53 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
54 or delivered in this state to any chiropractor covered pursuant to the provisions of this article shall
55 be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy
56 waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policy holder or any beneficiary there
57 of the policy, to any claim covered by the terms of the policy within the policy limits, the immunity
58 from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by
59 a chiropractor who holds a special volunteer license or who renders such care and treatment
60 pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 20. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.

§30-20-13. Special volunteer physical therapist license, physical therapist assistant license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer license for physical therapists or physical
2 therapist assistants, as the case may be, retired or retiring from active practice who wish to donate
3 their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of
4 clinics organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The
5 special volunteer license provided by this section shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of
6 Physical Therapy to physical therapists or physical therapist assistants licensed or otherwise
7 eligible for licensure under this article and the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the
8 payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued
9 for the remainder of the licensing period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing

10 requirements. The board shall develop application forms for the special volunteer license provided
11 in this section which shall contain the applicant's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The applicant's practice under the special volunteer license will be exclusively devoted
13 to providing physical therapy care to needy and indigent persons in West Virginia;

14 (2) The applicant may not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
15 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic the
16 proceeds of any reimbursement for any physical therapy services rendered under the special
17 volunteer license;

18 (3) The applicant shall supply any supporting documentation that the board may
19 reasonably require; and

20 (4) The applicant shall continue to participate in continuing education as required by the
21 board for special volunteer physical therapists or physical therapist assistants license, as the case
22 may be.

23 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of physical therapy in this state whose
24 license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and
25 needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the
26 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
27 arrangement may be performed in either the physical therapist's office or the clinical setting.

28 (c) Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who renders any physical therapy
29 service to indigent and needy patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of
30 health care services without charge under a special volunteer license authorized under subsection
31 (a) of this section or pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection
32 (b) of this section without payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or
33 compensation is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission
34 resulting from the rendering of the physical therapy service at the clinic unless the act or omission
35 was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the physical therapist or

36 physical therapist assistant. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there must
37 be a written agreement between the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and the
38 clinic stating that the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant will provide voluntary
39 uncompensated physical therapy services under the control of the clinic to patients of the clinic
40 before the rendering of any services by the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant at
41 the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required to maintain
42 liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

43 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
44 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
45 liability for the negligent acts of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant rendering
46 voluntary physical therapy services at or for the clinic under a special volunteer license authorized
47 under this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a
48 clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

49 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
50 of all the requirements for licensure for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, as the
51 case may be, except the fee requirements.

52 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
53 volunteer license to any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant whose license is or has
54 been subject to any disciplinary action or to any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
55 who has surrendered a license or caused a license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of
56 having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license, or who has elected to
57 place a license in inactive status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against
58 his or her license or who has been denied a license.

59 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
60 or delivered in this state to any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant covered under
61 the provisions of this article shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby

62 the company issuing such policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the
63 policy holder or any beneficiary thereof the policy, to any claim covered by the terms of the policy
64 within the policy limits, the immunity from liability of the insured by reason of the care and
65 treatment of needy and indigent patients by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
66 who holds a special volunteer license or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an
67 arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

ARTICLE 21. PSYCHOLOGISTS; SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

§30-21-17. Special volunteer psychologists license; civil immunity for voluntary services rendered to indigents.

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer psychologists license for psychologists retired
2 or retiring from the active practice of psychology who wish to donate their expertise for the
3 psychological care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of clinics
4 organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The special
5 volunteer psychologist license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of Examiners of
6 Psychologists to psychologists licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure under this article and
7 the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of an application fee, license fee
8 or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued for the remainder of the licensing period, and
9 renewed consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The board shall develop
10 application forms for the special license provided in this subsection which shall contain the
11 psychologist's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The psychologist's practice under the special volunteer psychologists license will be
13 exclusively devoted to providing psychological care to needy and indigent persons in West
14 Virginia;

15 (2) The psychologist will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or
16 indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic the

17 proceeds of any reimbursement, for any psychological services rendered under the special
18 volunteer psychological license;

19 (3) The psychologist will supply any supporting documentation that the board may
20 reasonably require; and

21 (4) The psychologist agrees to continue to participate in continuing education as required
22 by the board for a special volunteer psychologists license.

23 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of psychology in this state whose license is
24 in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy
25 patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of
26 health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an arrangement
27 may be performed in either the psychologist's office or the clinical setting.

28 (c) Any psychologist who renders any psychological service to indigent and needy patients
29 of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge
30 under a special volunteer psychologist license authorized under subsection (a) of this section
31 without payment or compensation or the expectation or promise of payment or compensation, is
32 immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from the
33 rendering of the psychological service at the clinic unless the act or omission was the result of the
34 psychologist's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In order for the immunity under this
35 subsection to apply, there must be a written agreement between the psychologist and the clinic
36 pursuant to which the psychologist will provide voluntary uncompensated psychological services
37 under the control of the clinic to patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the
38 psychologists at the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is
39 required to maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

40 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
41 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
42 liability for the negligent acts of a psychologist rendering voluntary psychological services at or

43 for the clinic under a special volunteer psychological license authorized under subsection (a) of
44 this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as
45 authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

46 (e) For purposes of this section, “otherwise eligible for licensure” means the satisfaction
47 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section seven of this article and in the legislative
48 rules promulgated thereunder, except the fee requirements of subsection (d) of that section and
49 of the legislative rules promulgated by the board relating to fees.

50 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
51 volunteer psychologist license to any psychologist whose license is or has been subject to any
52 disciplinary action or to any psychologist who has surrendered a psychologist license or caused
53 such license to lapse, expire and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other
54 action taken against his or her license, or who has elected to place a psychologist license in
55 inactive status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her license,
56 or who has been denied a psychologist license.

57 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
58 or delivered in this state to any psychologist covered under the provisions of this article, shall be
59 read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such policy
60 waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary
61 thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity
62 from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by
63 a psychologist who holds a special volunteer psychologist license or who renders such care and
64 treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of
65 this section.

ARTICLE 28. WEST VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT.

**§30-28-8a. Special volunteer occupational therapist license; civil immunity for voluntary
services rendered to indigents.**

1 (a) There is established a special volunteer occupational therapist license for occupational
2 therapists retired or retiring from the active practice of occupational therapy who wish to donate
3 their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and needy patients in the clinical setting of
4 clinics organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge. The
5 special volunteer occupational therapist license shall be issued by the West Virginia Board of
6 Occupational Therapy to occupational therapists licensed or otherwise eligible for licensure under
7 this article and the legislative rules promulgated hereunder without the payment of an application
8 fee, license fee or renewal fee, and the initial license shall be issued for the remainder of the
9 licensing period, and renewed consistent with the boards other licensing requirements. The board
10 shall develop application forms for the special license provided in this subsection which shall
11 contain the occupational therapist's acknowledgment that:

12 (1) The occupational therapist's practice under the special volunteer occupational
13 therapist license will be exclusively devoted to providing occupational therapy care to needy and
14 indigent persons in West Virginia;

15 (2) The occupational therapist will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct
16 or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation but may donate to the clinic
17 the proceeds of any reimbursement, for any occupational therapy services rendered under the
18 special volunteer occupational therapist license;

19 (3) The occupational therapist will supply any supporting documentation that the board
20 may reasonably require; and

21 (4) The occupational therapist agrees to continue to participate in continuing education as
22 required by the board for a special volunteer occupational therapists license.

23 (b) Any person engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy in this state whose
24 license is in good standing may donate their expertise for the care and treatment of indigent and
25 needy patients pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the

26 delivery of health care services without charge to the patient. Services rendered pursuant to an
27 arrangement may be performed in either the occupational therapist's office or the clinical setting.

28 (c) Any occupational therapist who renders any occupational therapy service to indigent
29 and needy patients of a clinic organized, in whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services
30 without charge under a special volunteer occupational therapist license authorized under
31 subsection (a) of this section or pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant
32 to subsection (b) of this section without payment or compensation or the expectation or promise
33 of payment or compensation is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or
34 omission resulting from the rendering of the occupational therapy service at the clinic unless the
35 act or omission was the result of the occupational therapist's gross negligence or willful
36 misconduct. In order for the immunity under this subsection to apply, there must be a written
37 agreement between the occupational therapist and the clinic pursuant to which the occupational
38 therapist will provide voluntary uncompensated occupational therapy services under the control
39 of the clinic to patients of the clinic before the rendering of any services by the occupational
40 therapist at the clinic: *Provided*, That any clinic entering into such written agreement is required
41 to maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

42 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a clinic organized, in
43 whole or in part, for the delivery of health care services without charge is not relieved from imputed
44 liability for the negligent acts of an occupational therapist rendering voluntary occupational
45 therapy services at or for the clinic under a special volunteer occupational therapist license
46 authorized under subsection (a) of this section or who renders such care and treatment pursuant
47 to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

48 (e) For purposes of this section, "otherwise eligible for licensure" means the satisfaction
49 of all the requirements for licensure as listed in section eight of this article and in the legislative
50 rules promulgated thereunder, excepting the fee requirements of subsection (a), section eleven
51 of this article and of the legislative rules promulgated by the board relating to fees.

52 (f) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring the board to issue a special
53 volunteer occupational therapist license to any occupational therapist whose occupational
54 therapist license is or has been subject to any disciplinary action or to any occupational therapist
55 who has surrendered an occupational therapist license or caused such license to lapse, expire
56 and become invalid in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her
57 occupational therapist license, or who has elected to place an occupational therapist license in
58 inactive status in lieu of having a complaint initiated or other action taken against his or her
59 occupational therapist license, or who has been denied an occupational therapist license.

60 (g) Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing coverage for liability sold, issued
61 or delivered in this state to any occupational therapist covered under the provisions of this article
62 shall be read so as to contain a provision or endorsement whereby the company issuing such
63 policy waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary
64 thereof, to any claim covered by the terms of such policy within the policy limits, the immunity
65 from liability of the insured by reason of the care and treatment of needy and indigent patients by
66 an occupational therapist who holds a special volunteer occupational therapist license or who
67 renders such care and treatment pursuant to an arrangement with a clinic as authorized pursuant
68 to subsection (b) of this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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