
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

HB 2518

Brief Description: Concerning retired volunteer medical worker licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Hinkle, Pedersen, Green, Morrell, Moeller and Seaquist.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows certain individuals from other states and territories, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country to obtain a retired volunteer medical worker license if they previously held a health profession license in that jurisdiction.

Hearing Date:

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

Retired volunteer medical workers are individuals who have held an active license issued by the Secretary or a health profession board or commission within the previous 10 years, do not have any restrictions against their previous license, and are registered as a volunteer with a local emergency services or management organization. They may only practice upon activation by their local emergency services or management organization when there is a declared emergency, disaster, or authorized training. They must practice under an assigned supervisor. To renew a retired volunteer medical worker license, the license holder must complete a basic first aid course, a bloodborne pathogens course, and CPR course every three years.

Summary of Bill:

Individuals who previously held a license to practice a health profession in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country may apply for a retired volunteer medical worker license if that jurisdiction's licensing standards are substantially

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similar to those of Washington. The individual must have held the license within 10 years of applying for the initial retired volunteer medical worker license.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.