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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Sheryl M. Delozier

RE: Co-Sponsorship of legislation that provides for a “Volunteer Health Practitioner Registry”

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) and Title 42 (Judicial Procedure) by creating a “Volunteer Health Practitioner Registry System” for the Commonwealth during state declared emergencies.

As you are aware, during a state of emergency, communities across Pennsylvania may be in dire need of doctors, specialized healthcare providers, mental health counselors, veterinarian services, funeral directors, mortuary services, etc. Therefore, it is imperative that these communities have a state resource to access during these times of need, thereby allowing health practitioners from other areas of the state to come and assist them.

My legislation establishes a “Volunteer Health Practitioner Registry System”, and further allows the Department of Health and PEMA to issue orders that may limit, restrict or otherwise regulate the duration of practice, geographical areas of practice restrictions and other matters necessary to coordinate effectively the provision of health or veterinary services during a state emergency. As well, these volunteer health practitioners would be afforded liability and worker’s compensation protections which are provided for in Title 35 (Health and Safety). These health practitioners must be licensed and in good standing in their practice.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Jennifer Haines in my office at jhaines@pahousegop.com or 783-5282.