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Sen. Frantz in support of SB 260
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Good Morning Representative Ritter, Senator Gerratana, Senator Welch, and Representative Perillo. Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning in favor **SB 260, An Act Concerning Expansion of the License Renewal Fee Waiver for Certain Retired Physicians.**

As some of you are likely aware, Public Act 08-31 allows for the renewal of a medical license for no fee for physicians who practice medicine at no cost in a public health facility. Unfortunately, this public act does not include those physicians who provide volunteer services to local health departments, the Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Coast Guard Clinics or Doctors Without Borders.

I have had several constituents contact me about these omissions in the law, and I believe they have a great case to change the statute to permit them to perform free services. They would like to volunteer their time to local health departments and at military clinics, but the cost of the renewal fee acts as a disincentive. I urge the committee to consider expanding the no-fee renewal clause to cover these truly selfless doctors.

SB 260 will help to encourage more skilled volunteers to provide health care services and appears to be a win-win for the people of Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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