

April 22, 2020

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist or CRNA. I recently retired from Hennepin County Medical Center/ Hennepin Healthcare after 29 years of service.

CRNAs are a highly educated, skilled and trained professional group providing anesthesia in a multitude of settings working either independently or as a team. With the current COVID-19 crisis, our expertise has also been called upon to work in other areas such as the intensive care units providing airway and ventilatory support and line insertions.

Hennepin Healthcare is a state supported pension or PERA hospital.

Current PERA requirements severely limit the hours I can work post retirement without suffering a reduction in my current retirement benefits.

This is a time of increased demand on our healthcare systems while also there exists a limited supply of qualified providers such as CRNAs. Please support this bill to remove income limits so that retirement benefits are not reduced for those retired pension earning former employees. Many of us are willing to offer valuable and experienced care.

I enjoy my job and professionally, I am at the peak of my skills. I am willing and able to work. Please allow me and others to do so.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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