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THOMPSON, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, SCHWARTZ, STACK AND
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 2, 1992 (P.L.741, No.113), entitled
2 "An act providing a comprehensive plan for health care for
3 uninsured children; providing for medical education
4 assistance; making appropriations; and making repeals,"
5 further providing for the loan forgiveness for primary health
6 care practitioners.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1303(d) and (e) of the act of December 2,
10 1992 (P.L.741, No.113), known as the Children's Health Care Act,
11 are amended to read:

12 Section 1303. Loan forgiveness for primary health care
13 practitioners.

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15 (d) Eligibility.--Consideration for loan repayment
16 assistance shall be as follows:

17 (1) The applicant must be one of the following:

18 (i) An individual who:

1 (A) has a medical degree from an accredited
2 medical school or osteopathic medical college;

3 (B) has completed an approved graduate training
4 program in primary care medicine;

5 (C) is licensed to practice medicine in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 (D) is board eligible in a primary care
8 specialty.

9 (ii) An individual who is licensed to practice
10 general dentistry in this Commonwealth.

11 (iii) An individual who holds a nursing degree from
12 an accredited nursing program and has completed a
13 training program for nurse practitioners or nurse
14 midwives.

15 (iv) An individual who has graduated from an
16 accredited program for physician assistants.

17 (v) An individual who:

18 (A) has a medical degree from an accredited
19 medical school or osteopathic medical college;

20 (B) has been accepted in the first year of an
21 approved graduate training program in primary care
22 medicine, which program is located in this
23 Commonwealth;

24 (C) has made a commitment and signed an
25 agreement to practice primary care medicine in a
26 medically underserved designated shortage area for
27 four years following completion of the primary care
28 residency program; and

29 (D) is licensed to practice medicine in this
30 Commonwealth.

(2) An applicant who is qualified under paragraph [(1)]
(1)(i) through (iv) must agree to serve in a designated
medically underserved area of this Commonwealth as a primary
health care practitioner for not less than three years.

(e) Benefits.--

(1) A physician or dentist who is eligible under
subsection (d) shall be eligible to receive up to \$64,000 in
loan exonerations based on the following schedule:

(i) Year one, 15%.

(ii) Year two, 20%.

(iii) Year three, 30%.

(iv) Year four, 35%.

(2) A nurse practitioner, physician assistant or nurse
midwife who is eligible under subsection (d) shall be
eligible to receive up to \$40,000 in loan exonerations based
on the following repayment schedule:

(i) Year one, 15%.

(ii) Year two, 20%.

(iii) Year three, 30%.

(iv) Year four, 35%.

(3) A physician who is eligible under subsection
(d)(1)(v) shall be eligible to receive up to \$64,000 in loan
exonerations based on the following schedule:

(i) Year one residency, \$10,000.

(ii) Year two residency, \$10,000.

(iii) Year three residency, \$10,000.

(iv) Year one practice, 15% of the remaining \$34,000
to which the physician is eligible.

(v) Year two practice, 20% of the remaining \$34,000
to which the physician is eligible.

1 (vi) Year three practice, 30% of the remaining
2 \$34,000 to which the physician is eligible.

3 (vii) Year four practice, 35% of the remaining
4 \$34,000 to which the physician is eligible.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.