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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4213

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying the health professional education loan forgiveness
1.3 program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 144.1501,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 1, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
1.9 apply.

1.10 (b) "Advanced dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist
1.11 under section 150A.06, and who is certified as an advanced dental therapist under section
1.12 150A.106.

1.13 (c) "Advanced practice provider" means a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse
1.14 anesthetist, advanced clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant.

1.15 (d) "Alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual who is licensed as an alcohol
1.16 and drug counselor under chapter 148F.

1.17 (e) "Dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist under
1.18 section 150A.06.

1.19 (f) "Dentist" means an individual who is licensed to practice dentistry.

1.20 (g) "Designated rural area" means a statutory and home rule charter city or township
1.21 that is outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision
1.22 2, excluding the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud.

2.1 ~~(g)~~ (h) "Emergency circumstances" means those conditions that make it impossible for
 2.2 the participant to fulfill the service commitment, including death, total and permanent
 2.3 disability, or temporary disability lasting more than two years.

2.4 ~~(h)~~ (i) "Mental health professional" means an individual providing clinical services in
 2.5 the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the ways specified in section
 2.6 245.462, subdivision 18.

2.7 ~~(i)~~ (j) "Medical resident" means an individual participating in a medical residency in
 2.8 family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

2.9 ~~(j)~~ "Midlevel practitioner" means a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist,
 2.10 advanced clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant.

2.11 (k) "Nurse" means an individual who has completed training and received all licensing
 2.12 or certification necessary to perform duties as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.

2.13 (l) "Nurse-midwife" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program of
 2.14 study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse-midwives.

2.15 (m) "Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program
 2.16 of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse practitioners.

2.17 (n) "Pharmacist" means an individual with a valid license issued under chapter 151.

2.18 (o) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed to practice medicine in the areas
 2.19 of family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

2.20 (p) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under chapter 147A.

2.21 (q) "Public health nurse" means a registered nurse licensed in Minnesota who has obtained
 2.22 a registration certificate as a public health nurse from the Board of Nursing in accordance
 2.23 with Minnesota Rules, chapter 6316.

2.24 (r) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan
 2.25 for actual costs paid for tuition, reasonable education expenses, and reasonable living
 2.26 expenses related to the graduate or undergraduate education of a health care professional.

2.27 (s) "Underserved urban community" means:

2.28 (1) a Minnesota urban area or population included in the list of designated primary
 2.29 medical care health professional shortage areas (HPSAs), medically underserved areas
 2.30 (MUAs), or medically underserved populations (MUPs) maintained and updated by the
 2.31 United States Department of Health and Human Services; or

- 3.1 (2) a practice where at least 25 percent of the yearly patient encounters are to state public
3.2 program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule discounts through a formal
3.3 sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the United States Department of
3.4 Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 51, chapter
3.5 303.