

upon petition by the physical therapist, the suspension is ~~lifted~~ *terminated* by the board of medical examiners after a hearing.

Approved June 4, 1969.

CHAPTER 928—H. F. No. 1329

[Coded]

An act relating to the state board of medical examiners; authorizing the board to make loans and scholarships to students who desire to practice medicine; appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **[147.24] State board of medical examiners; loans and scholarships.** Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** It is the purpose and intent of this act to immediately meet the emergency now existing from the shortage of doctors in the state of Minnesota in rural areas by inducing a sufficient number of the medical school graduates to return to rural areas to practice their profession, thus affording adequate medical care to the people of these areas.

Subd. 2. **Definition.** For the purposes of this act the term "board" means the state board of medical examiners.

Sec. 2. **[147.25] Applications for loans; investigation; examination.** The board shall receive and pass upon, allow or disallow, all applications for loans made by students who are bona fide citizens of the United States who desire to practice medicine, and who are acceptable for enrollment in any accredited medical school. The purpose of such loans is to enable such applicants to obtain a standard four year medical education which will qualify them to become licensed to practice medicine within the state of Minnesota. It is the duty of the board to make a careful and full investigation of the ability, character, and qualifications of each applicant and determine his fitness to become the recipient of such loan and for that purpose the board may propound such examination to each applicant which it deems proper, and the board may prescribe in the manner provided by law such rules and regulations as it deems necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intention of this act. The investigation of the applicant shall include an investigation of the ability of the applicant, or of the parents of such applicant, to pay his own tuition at the medical school. The board, in granting such loans, shall give prefer-

Changes or additions indicated by italics, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

ence to qualified applicants who, or whose parents, are unable to pay the applicant's tuition at the medical school and who are in their third or fourth year in medical school.

The board may grant to each applicant deemed by the board to be qualified to receive the same, a loan for the purpose of acquiring a medical education as herein provided, upon such terms and conditions which the board may impose in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. [147.26] Amount of loan; contract; repayment.
Subdivision 1. Applicants who are granted loans by the board shall receive a loan not to exceed \$10,000 to any one applicant to be paid in annual installments not exceeding \$2,500 per year, with which to defray his or her tuition and other expenses at any medical school accredited by the American Medical Association which shall be paid at such time and in such manner as may be determined by the board. The loans to be granted to each applicant shall be granted upon the condition that the full amount thereof shall be repaid to the state of Minnesota as provided in this section with eight percent interest from the date of each payment by the state on such loan. The loan shall be repaid:

(1) In installments of 25 percent of the principal of the loan, annually, together with interest, the first such installment to be due on or before two years after the date the applicant completes his internship or residency in family practice.

(2) The interest on the loan may be repaid to the state of Minnesota by services to be rendered by the applicant by practicing his profession in a municipality within the state having a population of 3,000 or less according to the 1960 federal census. One year's interest on the loan shall be forgiven to the applicant for each year of practicing his profession within the state of Minnesota as herein provided.

(3) The last quarterly installment due on the principal balance shall be forgiven if the applicant has practiced medicine in a municipality having a population of 3,000 or less for a period of five years.

Subd. 2. Each applicant before being granted a loan shall enter into a contract with the board, which shall be deemed a contract with the state of Minnesota, agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the loan is granted to him. The contract shall include such terms and provisions as will carry out the purposes of this act, and the form thereof shall be prepared and approved by the attorney

Changes or additions indicated by *italics*, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

general of this state. The contract shall be signed by the president of the board, countersigned by the secretary-treasurer, and shall be signed by the applicant. For the purposes of this act the disabilities of minority of all applicants granted loans hereunder shall be and the same are hereby removed and the applicants are declared to be of full lawful age for the purpose of entering into the contract hereinabove provided for, and the contract so executed by any applicant is hereby declared to be a valid and binding contract the same as though the applicant had attained the age of 21 years. The board may sue, in the name of the state, any applicant for any balance due on any such contract.

Sec. 4. **[147.27] Cancellation; liability.** The board may cancel any contract made between it and any applicant for loans upon such cause deemed sufficient by the board. Cancellation of a contract by the board shall not relieve an applicant from liability for payment of any unpaid balance on a loan.

Sec. 5. **[147.28] Report to legislature.** The board shall report to each regular session of the legislature in regard to loans granted, specifying, the county of residence of the applicants who have received their education and become licensed to practice medicine within this state as a result of the loans, and the area in which they are practicing. The report shall contain a full statement of expenditures of money appropriated for the purposes of this act.

Sec. 6. **[147.29] Service in armed forces; payment and performance.** If the applicant is required to actively serve in the armed forces during the period covered by this act, then the dates of payment and the conditions of performance shall be extended for the period of time the applicant is so serving.

Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the general revenue fund in the state treasury the sum of \$50,000 to the state board of medical examiners, for the biennium ending June 30, 1971, to carry out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 8. Except for section 7, this act takes effect upon final enactment.

Approved June 4, 1969.

CHAPTER 929—H. F. No. 2155

An act relating to aeronautics and aircraft; elimination of certain notarization requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 360.59, Subdivision 1; 360.60, Subdivision 1; and 360.62.

Changes or additions indicated by italics, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.