

**144.1487 LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** (a) For purposes of sections 144.1487 to 144.1492, the following definition applies.

(b) "Health professional shortage area" means an area designated as such by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services, as provided under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 5, and United States Code, title 42, section 254E.

Subd. 2. **Establishment and purpose.** The commissioner shall establish a National Health Services Corps state loan repayment program authorized by section 388I of the Public Health Service Act, United States Code, title 42, section 254q-1, as amended by Public Law 101-597. The purpose of the program is to assist communities with the recruitment and retention of health professionals in federally designated health professional shortage areas.

**History:** 1993 c 345 art 11 s 16; 1995 c 212 art 3 s 44; 1995 c 234 art 8 s 35