

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Proposed Bill No. 253



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: SEN. GORDON, 35th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK IN A RURAL OR OTHER UNDERSERVED AREA OR IN A FIELD WITH A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a loan forgiveness 2 program that forgives up to fifty thousand dollars of graduate school 3 loans for health care professionals who (1) are not participating in 4 another state or federal loan forgiveness or loan reimbursement 5 program, (2) obtain and maintain licensure as a health care professional by the Department of Public Health, and (3) agree to work in the state 6 7 for a minimum of four years of full-time work or a minimum of eight 8 years of part-time work as a health care professional in a rural or other 9 underserved area or in a health care field with a workforce shortage.

Statement of Purpose:

To address the shortage of health care professionals in the state.