

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 33-3723, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO PROVIDE A STATE MATCH FOR STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RURAL
4 PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FUND.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 33-3723, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 33-3723. RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FEE ASSESSMENT. The state board
9 of education may assess a fee to students preparing to be physicians in the
10 fields of medicine or osteopathic medicine who are supported by the state
11 pursuant to an interstate compact for a professional education program in
12 those fields, as those fields are defined by the compact. The fee may not
13 exceed an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the annual average medicine
14 support fee paid by the state. The fee must be assessed by the board and
15 deposited in the rural physician incentive fund established in section
16 39-5902, Idaho Code, to be administered by the department of health and
17 welfare. Moneys are also payable into the fund from state appropriations,
18 private contributions, gifts and grants and other sources. Income and earn-
19 ings on the fund shall be returned to the fund. Subject to appropriation, the
20 state shall match student contributions to the fund at a rate of two state
21 dollars (\$2.00) for every one dollar (\$1.00) assessed as a student fee. The
22 expenses of administering the physician incentive fund portion of the fund
23 shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the annual fees assessed pursuant to
24 this section.