

HOUSE BILL 288

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT; EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 21-22D-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 144, Section 18, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-22D-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Health Professional Loan Repayment Act:

A. "department" means the higher education department;

B. "health professional" means a physician, optometrist, ~~[podiatrist]~~ podiatric physician, physician's assistant, dentist, nurse, ~~[member of]~~ social worker, other professional in an allied health profession as defined in the

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1 Allied Health Student Loan for Service Act or [~~a~~] other  
2 licensed or certified health professional as determined by the  
3 department;

4 C. "loan" means a grant of money to defray the  
5 costs incidental to a health education, under a contract  
6 between the federal government or a commercial lender and a  
7 health professional, requiring either repayment of principal  
8 and interest or repayment in services;

9 D. "nurse in advanced practice" means a registered  
10 nurse, including a:

11 (1) certified nurse practitioner, certified  
12 registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist,  
13 authorized pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act to function  
14 beyond the scope of practice of professional registered  
15 nursing; or

16 (2) certified nurse-midwife licensed by the  
17 department of health; and

18 E. "osteopathic primary care physician" means an  
19 osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to the Medical Practice  
20 Act with specialty training in family medicine, general  
21 internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology or general  
22 pediatrics."

23 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred million dollars  
24 (\$100,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
25 health professional loan repayment fund for expenditure in  
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1 fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years to provide awards  
2 pursuant to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Act. No  
3 more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) may be expended in  
4 any one fiscal year. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
5 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the  
6 general fund.