

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 845

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
5 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-
7 FAIRS HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PRO-
8 GRAM.—Section 7619 of title 38, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking “December 31, 2014” and inserting
2 “December 31, 2019”.

3 (b) REPEAL OF CAP ON AMOUNT OF EDUCATION
4 DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATION DEBT REDUCTION PRO-
6 GRAM.—Subsection (d) of section 7683 of such title is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(d) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The total amount payable
9 to a participant in the Education Debt Reduction Pro-
10 gram for any year may not exceed the amount of the prin-
11 cipal and interest on loans referred to in subsection (a)
12 that is paid by the individual during such year.”.

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