

HOUSE BILL No. 5695

March 7, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Peterson, Cochran, Dianda, Chirkun, Santana and Jones
and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to create a medical providers' loan repayment program;
to provide for educational loan assistance under certain
circumstances; and to prescribe the power and duties of certain
state agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act must be known and may be cited as the
2 "veterans' home medical providers' loan repayment act."

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans
5 affairs.

6 (b) "Medical providers' loan repayment program" or "program"
7 means the loan repayment program created in section 5.

8 (c) "Michigan veterans' facility" means a Michigan veterans'
9 facility established under 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1 to 36.12.

10 Sec. 5. The medical providers' loan repayment program is

1 created in the department. The program must provide assistance,
2 subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses.

3 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall annually receive and consider
4 applications for grant assistance under the medical providers' loan
5 repayment program. An applicant is eligible for a grant from the
6 program if the department determines that the applicant satisfies
7 all of the following conditions:

8 (a) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

9 (b) Is a resident of this state.

10 (c) Is working as a physician, certified nurse practitioner,
11 registered professional nurse, certified nurse assistant, or
12 licensed practical nurse in a Michigan veterans' facility.

13 (d) Is a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an
14 educational loan.

15 (e) Has not defaulted on an educational loan.

16 (2) The department may give preference in making a grant to an
17 individual who has previously received a grant under the program if
18 the individual continues to meet the eligibility requirements
19 listed in subsection (1).

20 (3) For each year in which an individual receives a grant
21 under the program, he or she shall work as a medical professional
22 listed in subsection (1) in a Michigan veterans' facility for a
23 separate 12-month period.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
25 after the date it is enacted into law.