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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 369, L.D. 1003, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Law Pertaining to Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine."

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 7 and inserting in its place the following:

'7. Obligated national service. "Obligated national service" means:

A. An Armed Forces service obligation incurred in return for financial assistance provided during undergraduate and graduate education;

B. An obligation incurred for internship or residency training in the Armed Forces of the United States; or

C. An obligation for compulsory national service required by Act of Congress.'

Further amend the bill in section 4, in paragraph B, in the 4th line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "Armed Forces" and inserting in their place the underlined word 'national'

Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

' 2. Forgiveness. Any student who, upon the conclusion of his professional education, including, if applicable, internship, residency and fellowship, obligated public health service, and obligated national service, elects to serve as a general; family;

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1     pediatric or veterinary practitioner in an  
2     underserved rural geographic area in the State a  
3     practitioner of allopathic medicine, dentistry, op-  
4     tometry or veterinary medicine in a designated,  
5     underserved area in the State shall be forgiven 20%  
6     25% of the outstanding indebtedness, as determined in  
7     subsection 4, for each of the first 5 years of that  
8     service year of that practice.'

9             Further amend the bill in section 6 by striking  
10     all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the  
11     following:

12             '3. Determination. The Commissioner of Human  
13     Services shall determine underserved areas for the  
14     practice of allopathic medicine, dentistry and optom-  
15     etry.

16             The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-  
17     sources shall determine underserved areas for the  
18     practice of veterinary medicine.'

19             Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
20     section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

21             'Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §11810 is enacted to read:

22     §11810. Rules

23             The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Ser-  
24     vices shall establish all rules necessary to carry  
25     out the purposes of this chapter, except that the  
26     Commissioner of Human Services shall develop rules  
27     for determining underserved areas for the practice of  
28     allopathic medicine, dentistry and optometry and the  
29     Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources  
30     shall develop rules for the determination of  
31     underserved areas for the practice of veterinary med-  
32     icine. The rules authorized by this section shall be  
33     adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative  
34     Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II.

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1           Sec. 11. Retroactivity. This Act shall be retro-  
2           active to those contract students commencing their  
3           professional education on or after July 1, 1981.'

4   STATEMENT OF FACT

5           The purpose of this amendment is to expand and  
6           clarify the definition of the type of obligated ser-  
7           vice during which the student will not be required to  
8           repay his loan, to restore the requirement that for  
9           forgiveness a veterinarian must return to practice in  
10          underserved areas of the State. This amendment also  
11          makes other technical changes in the bill.

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Reported by Senator Brown for the Committee on Education.  
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