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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2110

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8 H.P. 1497

House of Representatives, March 3, 1986

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

12 Cosponsored by Senator Clark of Cumberland, Senator Gill of Cumberland
and Representative Descoteaux of Biddeford.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Osteopathic Student
19 Loan Program.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12005, sub-§2, as enacted by
24 PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

25 2. Repayment. This amount shall be payable at
26 9% simple annual interest in not more than 10 annual
27 ~~equal~~ installments. These installment payments shall
28 commence at such time as the state contract student
29 concludes professional education under rules promul-
30 gated by the commissioner.

31 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12005, sub-§§3 and 4 are en-
32 acted to read:

33 3. Deferment. Any student who has received a
34 loan under this section who, during the repayment pe-

1 riod, either returns to a Maine practice and then
2 leaves the State or who initially remains out of
3 state and then returns to a Maine practice may seek a
4 deferment of the annual principal and interest pay-
5 ments while outside the State for a period of time
6 not to exceed 3 years. Interest shall be assessed
7 during this time and the student's total debt to the
8 State, including principal and interest, shall be re-
9 paid either through return service or cash payments
10 within 10 years from the date which marks the begin-
11 ning of the repayment period. Requests for
12 deferments shall be made to the commissioner who
13 shall make a determination on a case-by-case basis.
14 The decision of the commissioner shall be final.

15 4. Forgiveness. Any student who, upon the con-
16 clusion of his professional education, including, if
17 applicable, internship, residency, fellowship, obli-
18 gated public health service, obligated national ser-
19 vice, as defined in section 11802, subsection 7,
20 elects to serve as a practitioner of osteopathic med-
21 icine in a designated, underserved area, as defined
22 in section 11802, subsection 6, in the State shall be
23 forgiven 25% of the outstanding indebtedness for each
24 year of that practice.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill brings into parity a forgiveness provi-
27 sion of the osteopathic loan program of the
28 allopathic medical educational contract program. The
29 bill also parallels the language for repayment and
30 deferment.

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