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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the maximum amount of individual awards for the physician loan repayment program and physician practice support program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 10 of section 2807-m of the public health law, as amended by section 13 of part B of chapter 58 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Beginning January first, two thousand eight, the commissioner is authorized, within amounts available pursuant to subdivision five-a of this section, to make loan repayment awards to primary care physicians or other physician specialties determined by the commissioner to be in short supply, licensed to practice medicine in New York state, who agree to practice for at least five years in an underserved area, as determined by the commissioner. Such physician shall be eligible for a loan repayment award of up to [~~one~~] **two** hundred fifty thousand dollars over a five year period distributed as follows: fifteen percent of total loan debt not to exceed twenty thousand dollars for the first year; fifteen percent of total loan debt not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for the second year; twenty percent of total loan debt not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars for the third year; and twenty-five percent of total loan debt not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars per year for the fourth year; and any unpaid balance of the total loan debt not to exceed the maximum award amount for the fifth year of practice in such area.

§ 2. Subdivision 12 of section 2807-m of the public health law, as amended by section 6 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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12. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, applications submitted on or after April first, two thousand sixteen, for the physician loan repayment program pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision five-a of this section and subdivision ten of this section or the physician practice support program pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision five-a of this section, shall be subject to the following changes:

(a) Awards shall be made from the total funding available for new awards under the physician loan repayment program and the physician practice support program, with neither program limited to a specific funding amount within such total funding available;

(b) An applicant may apply for an award for either physician loan repayment or physician practice support, but not both;

(c) An applicant shall agree to practice for three years in an underserved area and each award shall provide up to [~~forty thousand~~]**:**

(i) eighty-three thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars for each of the three years **for a physician loan repayment award**;

(ii) sixty-six thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars for each of the three years for a physician practice support award; and

(d) To the extent practicable, awards shall be timed to be of use for job offers made to applicants.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.