STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 15, 2021

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 allowing geriatricians to apply for both the physician loan repayment program and the physician practice support program

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

Section 1. 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:

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**, except as provided under paragraph (e) of this subdivision**;

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

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

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subdivision, an applicant specializing in geriatric care may be eligible and apply for an award for both physician loan repayment and physician practice support,

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

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provided that such applicant agrees to specialize in geriatric care for at least five years.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.