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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to funding of physician loan forgiveness programs

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 605 of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph g to read as follows:

3 g. Use of excess funds from the regents health care professional  
4 opportunity scholarships. Any funds applied toward this program from  
5 unused allocations directed toward the regents health care professional  
6 opportunity scholarships, pursuant to subdivision ten of this section,  
7 shall be distributed in accordance with regents rules that shall give  
8 priority to physicians who are economically disadvantaged and/or members  
9 of an underrepresented minority group. Awardees shall provide service  
10 payback in an area designated as having a shortage of physicians, but  
11 not limited to, primary care services.

12 § 2. The opening paragraph of subdivision 10 of section 605 of the  
13 education law, as added by chapter 31 of the laws of 1985, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Regents health care professional opportunity scholarships shall be  
16 awarded annually to students who are beginning or engaged in an approved  
17 program in medicine or dentistry and who are economically disadvantaged  
18 and/or members of an underrepresented minority group, provided, however,  
19 that to the extent that regents health care professional opportunity  
20 scholarships are not awarded, such [~~scholarships shall be awarded as~~  
21 ~~regents professional opportunity scholarships~~] remaining funding shall  
22 be applied to the regents physician loan forgiveness program. These  
23 scholarships shall be classified and allocated in accordance with  
24 regents rules.

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

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1     § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
2 ments to subdivisions 9 and 10 of section 605 of the education law, made  
3 by sections one and two of this act, shall not affect the termination of  
4 such program and scholarship respectively pursuant to section 17 of  
5 chapter 31 of the laws of 1985, as amended, and such program and schol-  
6 arship shall terminate therewith.