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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2785

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2785 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 2310-220 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-220) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.73)

8 Sec. 2310-220. Findings; rural obstetrical care. The
9 General Assembly finds that substantial portions ~~areas~~ of rural
10 Illinois lack adequate access to obstetrical care. The primary
11 cause of this problem is the absence of qualified practitioners
12 who are willing to offer obstetrical services. A significant
13 barrier to recruiting and retaining those practitioners is the
14 high cost of professional liability insurance for
15 practitioners offering obstetrical care.

16 Therefore, the Department, from funds appropriated for
17 that purpose, shall award grants to physicians practicing
18 obstetrics in rural designated shortage areas, as defined in
19 Section 3.04 of the Family Practice Residency Act, for the
20 purpose of reimbursing those physicians for the costs of
21 obtaining malpractice insurance relating to obstetrical
22 services. The Department shall establish reasonable
23 conditions, standards, and duties relating to the application
24 for and receipt of the grants.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)".