

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB5938

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Randy Frese

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 972/1 110 ILCS 972/5 110 ILCS 972/20

Amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Act as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act. Renames the Nurse Loan Repayment Program as the Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program. Requires that the program provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses (rather than nurses). Provides that an applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Illinois Student Assistance Commission finds that the applicant is working as a physician, registered professional nurse, or certified nursing assistant (rather than as a registered professional nurse). Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan
- 5 Repayment Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 5, and 20 as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (110 ILCS 972/1)
- 8 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Veterans'
- 9 Home Medical Providers' Nurses! Loan Repayment Act.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)
- 11 (110 ILCS 972/5)
- 12 Sec. 5. <u>Medical Providers</u> Nurse Loan Repayment Program.
- 13 There is created, beginning July 1, 2007, the Medical Providers
- 14 Nurse Loan Repayment Program to be administered by the Illinois
- 15 Student Assistance Commission in consultation with the
- 16 Department of Veterans' Affairs. The program shall provide
- 17 assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians
- 18 <u>and</u> nurses.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)
- 20 (110 ILCS 972/20)
- 21 Sec. 20. Eligibility.

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- 1 (a) The Commission shall, on an annual basis, receive and
- 2 consider applications for grant assistance under the program.
- 3 An applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the
- 4 Commission finds that the applicant:
  - (1) is a United States citizen or permanent resident;
- 6 (2) is a resident of Illinois;
- 7 (3) is working as a <u>physician</u>, registered professional 8 nurse, <u>certified nursing assistant</u>, or licensed practical 9 nurse in a State veterans' home:
- 10 (4) is a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an educational loan; and
- 12 (5) has not defaulted on an educational loan.
- 13 (b) Preference may be given to previous recipients of a 14 grant under the program, provided that the recipient continues 15 to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this Section.
- (c) For each year during which an individual receives a grant under this program, he or she must fulfill a separate 12-month period as a physician, registered professional nurse, certified nursing assistant, or licensed practical nurse in a
- 20 State veterans' home.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)
- 22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 23 becoming law.