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H. R. 2502

To amend the Public Health Service Act to deem certain training in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry to be obligated service for purposes of the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Geriatricians Loan
5 Forgiveness Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAY-**
2 **MENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 338B(g) of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(g)) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) OBLIGATED SERVICE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
8 section, each year of training in geriatric medi-
9 cine or geriatric psychiatry that is required in
10 order to obtain a certificate of added qualifica-
11 tion in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry
12 shall be deemed to be a year of obligated serv-
13 ice. Upon the completion of such training, an
14 individual with respect to whom a year of train-
15 ing is deemed to be a year of obligated service
16 under this paragraph shall, after consultation
17 with the Secretary, provide services in geriatric
18 medicine or geriatric psychiatry as appropriate
19 during the remainder of such individual’s period
20 of obligated service.

21 “(B) LIMITATION.—The number of fellow-
22 ship years in geriatric medicine or geriatric psy-
23 chiatry that are deemed to be a year of obli-
24 gated service under this paragraph shall not ex-
25 ceed 400 in any calendar year.”.

26 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to applications submitted
3 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
4 under section 338B of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 2541–1) on or after the date that is 1
6 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (2) FIRST YEAR OF PROGRAM.—For the period
8 beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this Act and ending on December
10 31 of the calendar year in which such period begins,
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
12 ratably reduce the maximum number of fellowship
13 years in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry
14 that may be deemed to be a year of obligated service
15 under section 338B(g)(5)(B) of the Public Health
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2541–1(g)(5)(B)) (as added
17 by subsection (a)) to reflect the portion of the year
18 that the amendment made by subsection (a) is in ef-
19 fect.

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