

**Subject** Adding acupuncture practitioners to health professional education loan forgiveness program

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### Overview

This bill adds acupuncture practitioners to the list of health care professionals eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program administered by the commissioner of health.

### Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Definitions.</b> Amends § 144.1501, subd. 1. Adds a definition of acupuncture practitioner to the definitions for the health professional education loan forgiveness program.
2	<b>Creation of account.</b> Amends § 144.1501, subd. 2. Adds acupuncture practitioners who agree to practice in a designated rural area to the health care professionals eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program.
3	<b>Eligibility.</b> Amends § 144.1501, subd. 3. Adds persons enrolled in an education or training program to become an acupuncture practitioner to the list of health care professionals eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program.
4	<b>Trauma Advisory Council established.</b> Amends § 144.608, subd. 1. Updates cross-references to definitions to conform with the addition of a definition of acupuncture practitioner in § 144.1501, subd. 1.

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5	<b>Appropriation.</b> Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the health professional education loan forgiveness program.



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