

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4213 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 1, is  
1.4 amended to read:

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions  
1.6 apply.

1.7 (b) "Advanced dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist  
1.8 under section 150A.06, and who is certified as an advanced dental therapist under section  
1.9 150A.106.

1.10 (c) "Advanced practice provider" means a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse  
1.11 anesthetist, advanced clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant.

1.12 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual who is licensed as an alcohol  
1.13 and drug counselor under chapter 148F.

1.14 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Dental therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a dental therapist under  
1.15 section 150A.06.

1.16 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Dentist" means an individual who is licensed to practice dentistry.

1.17 ~~(f)~~ (g) "Designated rural area" means a statutory and home rule charter city or township  
1.18 that is outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision  
1.19 2, excluding the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud.

1.20 ~~(g)~~ (h) "Emergency circumstances" means those conditions that make it impossible for  
1.21 the participant to fulfill the service commitment, including death, total and permanent  
1.22 disability, or temporary disability lasting more than two years.

2.1 ~~(h)~~ (i) "Mental health professional" means an individual providing clinical services in  
2.2 the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the ways specified in section  
2.3 245.462, subdivision 18.

2.4 ~~(i)~~ (j) "Medical resident" means an individual participating in a medical residency in  
2.5 family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

2.6 ~~(j)~~ "Midlevel practitioner" means a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist,  
2.7 advanced clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant.

2.8 (k) "Nurse" means an individual who has completed training and received all licensing  
2.9 or certification necessary to perform duties as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.

2.10 (l) "Nurse-midwife" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program of  
2.11 study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse-midwives.

2.12 (m) "Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who has graduated from a program  
2.13 of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse practitioners.

2.14 (n) "Pharmacist" means an individual with a valid license issued under chapter 151.

2.15 (o) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed to practice medicine in the areas  
2.16 of family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

2.17 (p) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under chapter 147A.

2.18 (q) "Public health nurse" means a registered nurse licensed in Minnesota who has obtained  
2.19 a registration certificate as a public health nurse from the Board of Nursing in accordance  
2.20 with Minnesota Rules, chapter 6316.

2.21 (r) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan  
2.22 for actual costs paid for tuition, reasonable education expenses, and reasonable living  
2.23 expenses related to the graduate or undergraduate education of a health care professional.

2.24 (s) "Underserved patient population" means patients who are state public program  
2.25 enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule discounts through a formal sliding fee  
2.26 schedule meeting the standards established by the United States Department of Health and  
2.27 Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 51c.303.

2.28 ~~(s)~~ (t) "Underserved urban community" means a Minnesota urban area or population  
2.29 included in the list of designated primary medical care health professional shortage areas  
2.30 (HPSAs), medically underserved areas (MUAs), or medically underserved populations  
2.31 (MUPs) maintained and updated by the United States Department of Health and Human  
2.32 Services.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 2, is amended  
3.2 to read:

3.3 Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) A health professional education loan forgiveness  
3.4 program account is established. The commissioner of health shall use money from the  
3.5 account to establish a loan forgiveness program:

3.6 (1) for medical residents, mental health professionals, and alcohol and drug counselors  
3.7 agreeing to practice in designated rural areas ~~or, in~~ underserved urban communities, or in  
3.8 a practice where at least 25 percent of the yearly patient encounters are to patients in an  
3.9 underserved patient population; or specializing in the area of pediatric psychiatry;

3.10 (2) for ~~midlevel practitioners~~ advanced practice providers agreeing to practice in  
3.11 designated rural areas or to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing  
3.12 field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate  
3.13 level;

3.14 (3) for nurses who agree to practice in a Minnesota nursing home; an intermediate care  
3.15 facility for persons with developmental disability; a hospital if the hospital owns and operates  
3.16 a Minnesota nursing home and a minimum of 50 percent of the hours worked by the nurse  
3.17 is in the nursing home; a housing with services establishment as defined in section 144D.01,  
3.18 subdivision 4; or for a home care provider as defined in section 144A.43, subdivision 4; or  
3.19 agree to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720 hours per year in the nursing field in a  
3.20 postsecondary program at the undergraduate level or the equivalent at the graduate level;

3.21 (4) for other health care technicians agreeing to teach at least 12 credit hours, or 720  
3.22 hours per year in their designated field in a postsecondary program at the undergraduate  
3.23 level or the equivalent at the graduate level. The commissioner, in consultation with the  
3.24 Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership, shall determine the health care fields where the  
3.25 need is the greatest, including, but not limited to, respiratory therapy, clinical laboratory  
3.26 technology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology;

3.27 (5) for pharmacists, advanced dental therapists, dental therapists, and public health nurses  
3.28 who agree to practice in designated rural areas; and

3.29 (6) for dentists agreeing to deliver at least 25 percent of the dentist's yearly patient  
3.30 encounters to ~~state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule~~  
3.31 ~~discounts through a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the~~  
3.32 ~~United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations,~~  
3.33 ~~title 42, section 51, chapter 303~~ patients in an underserved patient population.

4.1 (b) Appropriations made to the account do not cancel and are available until expended,  
4.2 except that at the end of each biennium, any remaining balance in the account that is not  
4.3 committed by contract and not needed to fulfill existing commitments shall cancel to the  
4.4 fund.

4.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 144.1501, subdivision 3, is amended  
4.6 to read:

4.7 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program, an  
4.8 individual must:

4.9 (1) be a medical or dental resident; a licensed pharmacist; or be enrolled in a training or  
4.10 education program to become a dentist, dental therapist, advanced dental therapist, mental  
4.11 health professional, alcohol and drug counselor, pharmacist, public health nurse, ~~midlevel~~  
4.12 ~~practitioner~~ advanced practice provider, registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. The  
4.13 commissioner may also consider applications submitted by graduates in eligible professions  
4.14 who are licensed and in practice; and

4.15 (2) submit an application to the commissioner of health.

4.16 (b) An applicant selected to participate must sign a contract to agree to serve a minimum  
4.17 three-year full-time service obligation according to subdivision 2, which shall begin no later  
4.18 than March 31 following completion of required training, with the exception of a nurse,  
4.19 who must agree to serve a minimum two-year full-time service obligation according to  
4.20 subdivision 2, which shall begin no later than March 31 following completion of required  
4.21 training.

4.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.1501, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

4.23 Subd. 4. **Loan forgiveness.** The commissioner of health may select applicants each year  
4.24 for participation in the loan forgiveness program, within the limits of available funding. In  
4.25 considering applications, the commissioner shall give preference to applicants who document  
4.26 diverse cultural competencies. The commissioner shall distribute available funds for loan  
4.27 forgiveness proportionally among the eligible professions according to the vacancy rate for  
4.28 each profession in the required geographic area, facility type, teaching area, patient group,  
4.29 or specialty type specified in subdivision 2. The commissioner shall allocate funds for  
4.30 physician loan forgiveness so that 75 percent of the funds available are used for rural  
4.31 physician loan forgiveness and 25 percent of the funds available are used for underserved  
4.32 urban communities, physicians working in practices where at least 25 percent of the yearly  
4.33 patient encounters are to patients in an underserved patient population, and pediatric

5.1 psychiatry loan forgiveness. If the commissioner does not receive enough qualified applicants  
5.2 each year to use the entire allocation of funds for any eligible profession, the remaining  
5.3 funds may be allocated proportionally among the other eligible professions according to  
5.4 the vacancy rate for each profession in the required geographic area, patient group, or facility  
5.5 type specified in subdivision 2. Applicants are responsible for securing their own qualified  
5.6 educational loans. The commissioner shall select participants based on their suitability for  
5.7 practice serving the required geographic area or facility type specified in subdivision 2, as  
5.8 indicated by experience or training. The commissioner shall give preference to applicants  
5.9 closest to completing their training. For each year that a participant meets the service  
5.10 obligation required under subdivision 3, up to a maximum of four years, the commissioner  
5.11 shall make annual disbursements directly to the participant equivalent to 15 percent of the  
5.12 average educational debt for indebted graduates in their profession in the year closest to the  
5.13 applicant's selection for which information is available, not to exceed the balance of the  
5.14 participant's qualifying educational loans. Before receiving loan repayment disbursements  
5.15 and as requested, the participant must complete and return to the commissioner a confirmation  
5.16 of practice form provided by the commissioner verifying that the participant is practicing  
5.17 as required under subdivisions 2 and 3. The participant must provide the commissioner with  
5.18 verification that the full amount of loan repayment disbursement received by the participant  
5.19 has been applied toward the designated loans. After each disbursement, verification must  
5.20 be received by the commissioner and approved before the next loan repayment disbursement  
5.21 is made. Participants who move their practice remain eligible for loan repayment as long  
5.22 as they practice as required under subdivision 2."

5.23 Amend the title accordingly