

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 662 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 19, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 144.1501, subdivision 4, is amended to
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 4. **Loan forgiveness.** The commissioner of health may select applicants
1.6 each year for participation in the loan forgiveness program, within the limits of available
1.7 funding. The commissioner shall distribute available funds for loan forgiveness
1.8 proportionally among the eligible professions according to the vacancy rate for each
1.9 profession in the required geographic area, facility type, teaching area, patient group,
1.10 or specialty type specified in subdivision 2. The commissioner shall allocate funds for
1.11 physician loan forgiveness so that 75 percent of the funds available are used for rural
1.12 physician loan forgiveness and 25 percent of the funds available are used for underserved
1.13 urban communities and pediatric psychiatry loan forgiveness. If the commissioner does
1.14 not receive enough qualified applicants each year to use the entire allocation of funds for
1.15 any eligible profession, the remaining funds may be allocated proportionally among the
1.16 other eligible professions according to the vacancy rate for each profession in the required
1.17 geographic area, patient group, or facility type specified in subdivision 2. Applicants are
1.18 responsible for securing their own qualified educational loans. The commissioner shall
1.19 select participants based on their suitability for practice serving the required geographic
1.20 area or facility type specified in subdivision 2, as indicated by experience or training. The
1.21 commissioner shall give preference to applicants closest to completing their training.
1.22 For each year that a participant meets the service obligation required under subdivision
1.23 3, up to a maximum of four years, the commissioner shall make annual disbursements
1.24 directly to the participant equivalent to 15 percent of the average educational debt for
1.25 indebted graduates in their profession in the year closest to the applicant's selection for
1.26 which information is available, not to exceed the balance of the participant's qualifying
1.27 educational loans. Before receiving loan repayment disbursements and as requested, the

2.1 participant must complete and return to the commissioner ~~an affidavit~~ a confirmation of
2.2 practice form provided by the commissioner verifying that the participant is practicing
2.3 as required under subdivisions 2 and 3. The participant must provide the commissioner
2.4 with verification that the full amount of loan repayment disbursement received by the
2.5 participant has been applied toward the designated loans. After each disbursement,
2.6 verification must be received by the commissioner and approved before the next loan
2.7 repayment disbursement is made. Participants who move their practice remain eligible for
2.8 loan repayment as long as they practice as required under subdivision 2."

2.9 Page 16, line 6, reinstate the stricken "a" and delete "an occupational therapy" and
2.10 strike "practitioner" and insert "licensed occupational therapist"

2.11 Page 22, delete section 23 and insert:

2.12 "Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

2.13 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 144.1487; 144.1488, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4;
2.14 144.1489; 144.1490; and 144.1491, are repealed."

2.15 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.16 Amend the title accordingly