

File Number: H.F. 1403
Version: As introduced

Date: March 2, 2018

Authors: Kiel

Subject: Alcohol and drug counselors added to health professional education loan forgiveness program

Analyst: Elisabeth Klarqvist

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/.

Overview

This bill makes alcohol and drug counselors who agree to practice in designated rural areas, eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program administered by the commissioner of health.

Section

- 1 **Definitions.** Amends § 144.1501, subd. 1. Adds a definition of alcohol and drug counselor to the section governing the health professional education loan forgiveness program.
- 2 **Creation of account.** Amends § 144.1501, subd. 2. Authorizes the commissioner of health to provide loan forgiveness for alcohol and drug counselors who agree to practice in designated rural areas.
- 3 **Eligibility.** Amends § 144.1501, subd. 3. Includes persons enrolled in a training or education program to become an alcohol or drug counselor, in the list of persons eligible to participate in the health professional education loan forgiveness program.
- 4 **Trauma Advisory Council established.** Amends § 144.608, subd. 1. Updates cross-references, based on amendments made in section 1.
- 5 **Exemptions.** Amends § 147A.08. Updates cross-references, based on amendments made in section 1.