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Overview

This bill modifies loan forgiveness and scholarship programs for individuals who provide long-term care; repeals a rule related to the administration of medications by unlicensed personnel in nursing facilities; and appropriates money for the home and community-based services employee scholarship program.

Section

- 1 **Creation of account.** Amends § 144.1501, subd. 2. Expands the category of nurses eligible for loan forgiveness through the health professional education loan forgiveness program to include nurses who agree to practice in a housing with services establishment or practice with a home care provider.
- 2 **Scholarships.** Amends § 256R.37. Amends language governing nursing facility employee scholarships eligible for a scholarship per diem in nursing facility rates from the commissioner of human services to include:
 - scholarships to reimburse loan expenses for any newly hired nurses, not only nurses who have recently graduated; and
 - scholarships to reimburse training expenses for any newly hired nursing assistants, not only nursing assistants who have graduated in the past 12 months.

Section

- 3** **Appropriation; home and community-based services employee scholarship program.**
Makes blank appropriations for the 2018-2019 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the home and community-based services employee scholarship program.
- 4** **Revisor's instruction.** Directs the revisor to correct cross-references to the rule repealed in section 5.
- 5** **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Rules, part 4658.1360. (This rule establishes requirements for the administration of medications at nursing facilities by unlicensed personnel.)