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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 419, L.D. 651, “An Act to Fund the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§18-G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 346, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 441, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 441-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 441-A

MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

§12961. Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

1. Program established. The Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Finance Authority of Maine for certain health care professionals who commit to living and working in the State for at least 3 years. The authority may, as funds permit, make loan repayments on behalf of eligible program participants to address critical workforce shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the behavioral health and oral care sectors. Under the program, the authority shall pay up to \$25,000 per year and, in aggregate, the lesser of \$75,000 and 50% of the recipient's outstanding student loan balance.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

