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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 722, L.D. 1797, “An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities and Providing Tax Credits”

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

'An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities'

Amend the bill in section 3 in c. 279 in §1700-H in subsection 3 by inserting after paragraph G the following:

'As used in this subsection, "rural" means areas in the State that are designated as health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas or that contain a medically underserved population as defined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in c. 279 in §1700-H by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

'5. Repeal; funds lapse to General Fund. This section is repealed January 1, 2026. All funds in the fund on January 1, 2026 lapse to the General Fund.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund Z090

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 only to the Doctors for Maine’s Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
4	Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund Z330		
5	Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 only		
6	to the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund within the Finance		
7	Authority of Maine.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
12	Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Z331		
13	Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 only		
14	for the nursing education loan repayment program within the Finance Authority of Maine		
15	for loan repayments for eligible nurses that meet the established criteria.		
16	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
17	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
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21	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
22	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
23			
24	GENERAL FUND	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
27	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
28	Maine Health Care Education Training and Medical Residency Fund N433		
29	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Maine Health Care Education Training and		
30	Medical Residency Fund.		
31	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
32	All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
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34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
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36	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
37	DEPARTMENT OF		
38	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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40	GENERAL FUND	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
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42	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It provides for \$1,000,000 appropriations in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the nursing education loan repayment program.
2. It establishes the Maine Health Care Education Training and Medical Residency Fund as a 2-year pilot program and appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the fund to establish clinical training opportunities for 3rd-year and 4th-year medical students in the rural parts of the State.
3. It provides for \$2,000,000 appropriations in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund.
4. It provides for \$1,000,000 appropriations in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund.
5. It removes from the bill the new income tax credit of up to \$500 a year for new nurses, for 3 years per eligible nurse, for employment in a licensed health care facility in the State.
6. It removes from the bill the \$300,000 in ongoing annual appropriations to support incentives for clinical preceptorships.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)