

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

S.P. 270 - L.D. 740

An Act To Sustain Maine's Primary Care Professional Workforce

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-LL, sub-§1, ¶A, as reallocated by RR 2013, c. 2, §46, is amended to read:

A. "Eligible primary care professional" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 31, subchapter 3 or subchapter 4; Title 32, chapter 36, subchapter 4; or Title 32, chapter 48, subchapter 2 and who, on or after January 1, 2013:

- (1) ~~First begins practicing~~ Practices primary care medicine in the State ~~by joining as part of~~ an existing health care practice in an underserved area or ~~establishing~~ establishes a new health care practice or ~~purchasing~~ purchases an existing health care practice in an underserved area;
- (2) Agrees to practice full time for at least 5 years following certification under subsection 3 in an underserved area;
- (3) Is certified under subsection 3 to be eligible by the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (4) Has an unpaid student loan owed to an institution for course work directly related to that person's training in primary care medicine.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.