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S. 569

Entitled the “Health Care Access Improvement Act”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURNS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

Entitled the “Health Care Access Improvement Act”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care Access
5 Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NONREFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PRIMARY**

7 **HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS SERVING**

8 **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
10 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
11 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is

1 amended by inserting after section 25A the following new
2 section:

3 **“SEC. 25B. PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS SERV-**
4 **ING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE**
5 **AREAS.**

6 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-
7 dividual who is a qualified primary health services provider
8 for any month during the taxable year, there shall be al-
9 lowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter
10 for such taxable year an amount equal to \$1,000 for each
11 month during such taxable year—

12 “(1) which is part of the eligible service period
13 of such individual, and

14 “(2) for which such individual is a qualified pri-
15 mary health services provider.

16 “(b) QUALIFIED PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES PRO-
17 VIDER.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified
18 primary health services provider’ means, with respect to
19 any month, any physician, physician assistant, or nurse
20 practitioner, who is certified for such month by the Bu-
21 reau to be a primary health services provider or a mental
22 health provider licensed under applicable state law who—

23 “(1) is providing primary health services full
24 time and substantially all of whose primary health

1 services are provided in a health professional short-
2 age area,

3 “(2) is not receiving during the calendar year
4 which includes such month a scholarship under the
5 National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program
6 or the Indian health professions scholarship program
7 or a loan repayment under the National Health
8 Service Corps Loan Repayment Program or the In-
9 dian Health Service Loan Repayment Program,

10 “(3) is not fulfilling service obligations under
11 such Programs, and

12 “(4) has not defaulted on such obligations.

13 Such term shall not include any individual who is de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) with respect to any of the 3 most
15 recent months ending before the date of the enactment
16 of this section.

17 “(c) ELIGIBLE SERVICE PERIOD.—For purposes of
18 this section, the term ‘eligible service period’ means the
19 period of 60 consecutive calendar months beginning with
20 the first month the taxpayer is a qualified primary health
21 services provider.

22 “(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULE.—For
23 purposes of this section—

24 “(1) BUREAU.—The term ‘Bureau’ means the
25 Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance,

1 Health Resources and Services Administration of the
2 United States Public Health Service.

3 “(2) PHYSICIAN.—The term ‘physician’ has the
4 meaning given to such term by section 1861(r) of
5 the Social Security Act.

6 “(3) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.—The term ‘physi-
7 cian assistant’ has the meaning given to such term
8 by section 1861(aa)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act.

9 “(4) NURSE PRACTITIONER.—The term ‘nurse
10 practitioner’ has the meaning given to such term by
11 section 1861(aa)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act.

12 “(5) PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDER.—
13 The term ‘primary health services provider’ means a
14 provider of basic health services (as described in sec-
15 tion 330(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Public Health Service
16 Act).

17 “(6) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE
18 AREA.—The term ‘health professional shortage area’
19 means any area which, as of the beginning of the eli-
20 gible service period, is a health professional shortage
21 area (as defined in section 332(a)(1) of the Public
22 Health Service Act) taking into account only the cat-
23 egory of health services provided by the qualified pri-
24 mary health services provider.

1 “(7) ONLY 60 MONTHS TAKEN INTO AC-
2 COUNT.—In no event shall more than 60 months be
3 taken into account under subsection (a) by any indi-
4 vidual for all taxable years.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
6 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
8 serting after the item relating to section 25A the following
9 new item:

 “Sec. 25B. Primary health services providers serving health pro-
 fessional shortage areas.”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 2001.

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