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# H. R. 3046

To amend the Public Health Service Act to deem certain training in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry to be obligated service for purposes of the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2005

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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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 “Geriatricians Loan  
5 Forgiveness Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAY-**  
2 **MENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 338B(g) of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(g)) is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) OBLIGATED SERVICE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this  
8 section, each year of training in geriatric medi-  
9 cine or geriatric psychiatry that is required in  
10 order to obtain a certificate of added qualifica-  
11 tion in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry  
12 shall be deemed to be a year of obligated serv-  
13 ice. Upon the completion of such training, an  
14 individual with respect to whom a year of train-  
15 ing is deemed to be a year of obligated service  
16 under this paragraph shall, after consultation  
17 with the Secretary, provide services in geriatric  
18 medicine or geriatric psychiatry as appropriate  
19 during the remainder of such individual’s period  
20 of obligated service.

21 “(B) LIMITATION.—The number of fellow-  
22 ship years in geriatric medicine or geriatric psy-  
23 chiatry that are deemed to be a year of obli-  
24 gated service under this paragraph shall not ex-  
25 ceed 400 in any calendar year.”.

26 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply to applications submitted  
3 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
4 under section 338B of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 2541–1) on or after the date that is 1  
6 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

7           (2) FIRST YEAR OF PROGRAM.—For the period  
8 beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date  
9 of enactment of this Act and ending on December  
10 31 of the calendar year in which such period begins,  
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
12 ratably reduce the maximum number of fellowship  
13 years in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry  
14 that may be deemed to be a year of obligated service  
15 under section 338B(g)(5)(B) of the Public Health  
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2541–1(g)(5)(B)) (as added  
17 by subsection (a)) to reflect the portion of the year  
18 that the amendment made by subsection (a) is in ef-  
19 fect.

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