

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 783

BY: HERBERT

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIPS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991, SECTION 625.3,  
WHICH RELATES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS; CHANGING  
CERTAIN POPULATION RESTRICTION; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 625.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 625.3 The terms and conditions governing the scholarships shall be as prescribed and formulated by the Physician Manpower Training Commission, but shall include the condition that each recipient, upon completion of his course of study, shall repay his scholarship by practicing his profession in a rural community in Oklahoma having a population of ~~seven thousand five hundred (7,500)~~ twelve thousand (12,000) persons or less according to the last preceding United States Decennial Census and having a need therefor, as determined by the Commission, for one (1) year for each one (1) year the scholarship is financed; provided, however, that the recipient will be given no credit for payment and reduction of said

obligation by serving in the defined rural communities for a period less than two (2) years. The contract shall provide that in the event the recipient breaches the terms of the contract by not serving the designated community for the specified period of time he shall pay liquidated damages in an amount agreed upon by the Commission and the recipient and representing a reasonable estimate of the damage or loss to the community or the state. Said damages shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the principal. This provision will apply only to those new loan recipients who accept the assistance after July 1, 1977. After payment of the liquidated damages, repayment of the principal may be made in cash with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, said interest to accrue from the date each payment of funds pursuant to the scholarship is made. No interest however shall accrue during any one period of time that the recipient thereof is required to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States or during any period of internship.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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