

**First Regular Session
Seventy-first General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 17-0991.01 Jennifer Berman x3286

HOUSE BILL 17-1282

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Ginal,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Sonnenberg, Kefalas

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN**
102 **REPAYMENT PROGRAM TO ASSIST VETERINARIANS WITH**
103 **EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR PROVIDING**
104 **VETERINARY SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE IN NEED**
105 **OF VETERINARY SERVICES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the state veterinary education loan repayment council (council), which consists of 5 directors appointed by the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

governor. The council administers the veterinary education loan repayment program (program) by use of funds from the veterinary education loan repayment fund (fund), which program and fund are also created in the bill. Through the program, the council provides veterinary education loan repayments from the fund to eligible veterinarians who:

- ! Have graduated from an accredited doctor of veterinary medicine school;
- ! Currently live in Colorado or, at some point, have lived in Colorado for at least 3 years; and
- ! Agree to practice veterinary medicine for up to 4 years in a rural area of the state that is experiencing a shortage of veterinarians that the council designates for participation in the program.

To implement the program, the council enters into a contract with an eligible veterinarian and the rural area of the state in which the veterinarian will practice veterinary medicine.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 82 to title
3 35 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 82**

5 **Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Program**

6 **35-82-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7 FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT:

8 (a) MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF RURAL COMMUNITIES IN COLORADO
9 HAVE AT MOST ONE LIVESTOCK-ORIENTED VETERINARIAN, THUS LEAVING
10 THE OWNERS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVESTOCK WITH LITTLE OR
11 NO ACCESS TO VETERINARY MEDICINE;

12 (b) FOOD SECURITY AND SAFETY ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO ANIMAL
13 HEALTH;

14 (c) COLORADO PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN MEETING OUR GROWING
15 POPULATION'S INCREASING DEMAND FOR PROTEIN;

16 (d) ACCORDING TO NATIONWIDE MARKET STATISTICS DEVELOPED

1 FOR THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, LESS THAN FIVE
2 PERCENT OF VETERINARIANS IN THE UNITED STATES PRACTICE
3 PREDOMINANTLY ON LIVESTOCK;

4 (e) RURAL VETERINARIANS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN PROTECTING
5 THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS AND HUMANS;

6 (f) MANY GRADUATES OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'S
7 COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES WERE
8 RAISED IN RURAL AREAS AND ARE INTERESTED IN LIVESTOCK-ORIENTED
9 PRACTICE; HOWEVER, THESE GRADUATES OFTEN FEEL LIMITED TO
10 PRACTICE IN AREAS OF THE STATE WITH HIGHER STARTING SALARIES DUE
11 TO THEIR LOAN REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS; AND

12 (g) LOAN FORGIVENESS AND REPAYMENT PROGRAMS IN OTHER
13 STATES HAVE IMPROVED VETERINARIANS' ABILITY TO PURSUE VETERINARY
14 PRACTICES IN RURAL AREAS.

15 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES AND
16 DECLARES THAT A VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
17 WOULD BENEFIT COLORADO BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR
18 VETERINARIANS TO PRACTICE IN RURAL AREAS IN WHICH VETERINARY
19 NEEDS ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING MET.

20 **35-82-102. Definitions - rules.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 82,
21 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

22 (1) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN
23 REPAYMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 35-82-103.

24 (2) "LICENSED VETERINARIAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
25 FORTH IN SECTION 12-64-103 (9).

26 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE STATE VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN
27 REPAYMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 35-82-104.

1 (4) (a) "RURAL" MEANS:

2 (I) A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN FIFTY
3 THOUSAND; OR

4 (II) A MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN TWENTY
5 THOUSAND IF THE MUNICIPALITY IS NOT CONTIGUOUS TO A MUNICIPALITY
6 WITH A POPULATION OF TWENTY THOUSAND OR MORE.

7 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MAY MODIFY, BY RULE,
8 THE DEFINITION OF "RURAL" AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE
9 82.

10 (5) "VETERINARIAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
11 SECTION 12-64-103 (15).

12 (6) "VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA" MEANS A RURAL AREA THAT
13 THE COUNCIL DETERMINES HAS A SHORTAGE OF VETERINARIANS
14 PRACTICING IN THE AREA.

15 **35-82-103. State veterinary education loan repayment council**
16 **- creation - membership.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 AGRICULTURE THE VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT COUNCIL,
18 WHICH SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND
19 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT AS IF TRANSFERRED TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT BY A **TYPE 2** TRANSFER, AS DEFINED IN THE
21 "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1968", ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 24.
22 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL AS
23 NEEDED.

24 (2) (a) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF FIVE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY
25 THE GOVERNOR. A DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL:

26 (I) MUST NOT BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL;

27 (II) MAY SERVE UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS; AND

1 (III) SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR HIS OR HER
2 MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY
3 NECESSARY AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE PERFORMING
4 HIS OR HER DUTIES AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

5 (b) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
6 APPOINT THE INITIAL FIVE DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL
7 MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES:

8 (A) AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY
9 OR STAFF OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF VETERINARY
10 MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES;

11 (B) AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR MUST HAVE EXPERTISE WITH
12 VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMS;

13 (C) AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH, AND
14 ABLE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF, THE COLORADO LIVESTOCK
15 INDUSTRIES; AND

16 (D) AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH, AND
17 ABLE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF, THE COLORADO VETERINARY
18 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

19 (II) OF THE INITIAL FIVE DIRECTORS, THREE SERVE FOR FOUR-YEAR
20 TERMS AND TWO SERVE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS. ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS
21 ARE FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

22 (III) UNLESS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS ILLNESS OR
23 DEATH REQUIRE OTHERWISE, EACH DIRECTOR SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL
24 HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

25 (3) THE GOVERNOR, AT HIS OR HER PLEASURE, MAY REMOVE A
26 DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL AT ANY TIME. IF A DIRECTOR VACATES HIS OR
27 HER SEAT ON THE COUNCIL DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH THE DIRECTOR

1 WAS APPOINTED, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL THE RESULTANT VACANCY BY
2 APPOINTING A DIRECTOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM. THE
3 SUCCESSOR DIRECTOR MUST MEET THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THIS
4 SECTION AS HIS OR HER PREDECESSOR.

5 (4) (a) AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, AND AS
6 NECESSARY THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTORS SHALL APPOINT FROM THEIR
7 MEMBERSHIP A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL, WHO HAVE JOINT
8 AUTHORITY OVER THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL MATTERS, INCLUDING LOAN
9 REPAYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS BASED ON THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF
10 LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS.

11 (b) PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-6-402, THE COUNCIL SHALL
12 CONDUCT ALL BUSINESS AT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETINGS THAT ARE
13 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY
14 TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE 82.

15 (c) COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A
16 MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

17 **35-82-104. State veterinary education loan repayment**
18 **program - creation - purpose.** THE COUNCIL SHALL ADMINISTER THE
19 VETERINARY EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
20 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO LICENSED VETERINARIANS TO PRACTICE
21 VETERINARY MEDICINE IN VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS OF THE STATE
22 THROUGH ASSISTANCE WITH THE REPAYMENT OF VETERINARY EDUCATION
23 LOANS.

24 **35-82-105. Council powers and duties.** (1) TO IMPLEMENT THIS
25 ARTICLE 82, THE COUNCIL SHALL:

26 (a) PURSUANT TO THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION 35-82-106,
27 DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR

1 LOAN REPAYMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM;

2 (b) WITH RESPECT TO THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS THAT
3 ARE IN NEED OF VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES:

4 (I) IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS
5 THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE CRITERIA
6 ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 35-82-107;

7 (II) ESTABLISH A PRIORITY RANKING FOR THE DESIGNATED
8 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM BASED ON
9 LEVEL OF NEED; AND

10 (III) ANNUALLY UPDATE THE LIST OF DESIGNATED VETERINARY
11 SHORTAGE AREAS AND THE PRIORITY RANKINGS;

12 (c) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN
13 SECTION 35-82-109, DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF LOAN REPAYMENT
14 MONEY TO WHICH AN APPLICANT SELECTED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS
15 ELIGIBLE, BASED ON THE UNPAID AMOUNT OF ANY OUTSTANDING
16 EDUCATION LOAN THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION
17 35-82-106 (2)(b); AND

18 (d) UPON SELECTING AN APPLICANT, ENTER INTO A RENEWABLE
19 CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED APPLICANT AND THE DESIGNATED
20 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA TO WHICH THE SELECTED APPLICANT HAS
21 BEEN MATCHED TO PROVIDE LOAN REPAYMENT MONEY ON THE SELECTED
22 APPLICANT'S BEHALF IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SELECTED APPLICANT'S
23 AGREEMENT TO ACTIVELY PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE
24 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA.

25 (2) IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE 82, THE
26 COUNCIL MAY:

27 (a) RECEIVE AND USE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR OR DONATED TO

1 THE PROGRAM TO BE USED IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM;

2 (b) WITH RESPECT TO ANY CONTRACT THAT THE COUNCIL HAS
3 ENTERED INTO WITH A SELECTED APPLICANT AND A DESIGNATED
4 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA UNDER THE PROGRAM:

5 (I) ENFORCE THE CONTRACT; OR

6 (II) CANCEL THE CONTRACT FOR GOOD CAUSE BASED ON A
7 DETERMINATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE
8 TERMS OF THE CONTRACT;

9 (c) MONITOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE REPAYMENT
10 OF EDUCATION LOANS INCURRED BY VETERINARIANS; AND

11 (d) ACCEPT PROPERTY FROM ANOTHER ENTITY TO BE USED IN
12 FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM.

13 **35-82-106. Program applicant eligibility - criteria.** (1) EACH
14 YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT UP TO FOUR QUALIFIED VETERINARIAN
15 APPLICANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE NUMBER OF
16 APPLICANTS THAT THE COUNCIL MAY CHOOSE IN A GIVEN YEAR IS
17 DEPENDENT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE IN THAT YEAR FOR
18 THE COUNCIL TO AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM.

19 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REPAYMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM, AN
20 APPLICANT MUST:

21 (a) BE A LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO:

22 (I) AGREES, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE
23 COUNCIL, TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN A VETERINARY
24 SHORTAGE AREA, AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION
25 35-82-107; AND

26 (II) GRADUATED FROM AN ACCREDITED DOCTOR OF VETERINARY
27 MEDICINE SCHOOL IN 2017 OR LATER;

1 (b) CURRENTLY LIVES IN COLORADO OR, AT SOME POINT, HAS
2 LIVED IN COLORADO FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS; AND

3 (c) HAS AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION LOAN:

4 (I) THAT WAS INCURRED IN RELATION TO THE APPLICANT'S
5 ATTENDANCE AT AN ACCREDITED DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
6 SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES;

7 (II) FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN DEFAULT; AND

8 (III) THAT HAS NOT BEEN CONSOLIDATED WITH ANY LOANS
9 INCURRED BY A SPOUSE.

10 (3) AN APPLICANT SELECTED FOR LOAN REPAYMENT UNDER THE
11 PROGRAM:

12 (a) IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AMOUNT:

13 (I) UP TO SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PURSUANT TO THE
14 MAXIMUM YEARLY REPAYMENT AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN SECTION
15 35-82-109; AND

16 (II) THAT CORRELATES TO THE APPLICANT'S OUTSTANDING
17 VETERINARY EDUCATION LOANS;

18 (b) SHALL CONTRACT WITH THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE VETERINARY
19 MEDICAL SERVICES IN ONE OR MORE DESIGNATED VETERINARY SHORTAGE
20 AREAS FOR A PERIOD UP TO FOUR YEARS.

21 (4) IN ESTABLISHING THE APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR
22 LOAN REPAYMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER
23 THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICANT'S
24 COMPATIBILITY WITH A DESIGNATED VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA:

25 (a) AN APPLICANT'S TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO, ABILITY TO
26 PROVIDE, AND WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN, FOOD ANIMAL VETERINARY
27 MEDICINE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DESIGNATED VETERINARY

1 SHORTAGE AREA NEEDS FOOD ANIMAL VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES;

2 (b) AN APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT TO PRACTICE VETERINARY
3 MEDICINE IN THE DESIGNATED VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA;

4 (c) AN APPLICANT'S DATE OF AVAILABILITY TO PRACTICE
5 VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE DESIGNATED VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA;
6 AND

7 (d) AN APPLICANT'S COMPETENCE, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE
8 BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE CREATED IN SECTION 12-64-105, AND
9 ABILITY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION.

10 (5) THE COUNCIL SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
11 WHO:

12 (a) HAVE GRADUATED FROM COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'S
13 COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES; AND

14 (b) WITH RESPECT TO A DESIGNATED VETERINARY SHORTAGE
15 AREA:

16 (I) HAVE LIVED IN THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA OR A NEARBY
17 AREA;

18 (II) HAVE FAMILY IN THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA OR A
19 NEARBY AREA; OR

20 (III) LIVE, OR HAVE LIVED, IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR RURAL
21 AREA OF THE STATE.

22 **35-82-107. Designated veterinary shortage areas - criteria.**

23 (1) IN DESIGNATING A COMMUNITY A VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA, THE
24 COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER:

25 (a) THE VETERINARY SERVICE NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY THE
26 COMMUNITY, GIVING PRIORITY TO COMMUNITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE
27 POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE FOOD ANIMAL HEALTH IMPACTS

1 WITHIN COLORADO IF THEIR VETERINARY SERVICE NEEDS ARE NOT MET;

2 (b) THE NUMBER OF VETERINARIANS PRACTICING IN THE
3 COMMUNITY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA;

4 (c) THE EXISTING ACCESS RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS
5 SURROUNDING AREAS HAVE TO VETERINARY SERVICES; AND

6 (d) THE DEGREE TO WHICH RESIDENTS OR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS
7 SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF A VETERINARIAN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

8 (2) FOR COMMUNITIES THAT THE COUNCIL IDENTIFIES AS
9 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS BASED ON THEIR DEMONSTRATED NEED
10 FOR VETERINARY SERVICES, THE COUNCIL, IN DESIGNATING WHICH
11 VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS TO MATCH WITH VETERINARIANS THROUGH
12 THE PROGRAM, SHALL PRIORITIZE THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREAS
13 BASED ON THEIR DEMONSTRATED LEVEL OF NEED FOR VETERINARY
14 SERVICES.

15 (3) IN EVALUATING A VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA TO DETERMINE
16 WHETHER TO DESIGNATE THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA FOR
17 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, THE COUNCIL MAY CONSULT WITH
18 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES AND VISIT THE VETERINARY SHORTAGE
19 AREA.

20 **35-82-108. Release from contract obligation.** (1) THE COUNCIL
21 SHALL RELEASE A VETERINARIAN SELECTED FOR REPAYMENT UNDER THE
22 PROGRAM FROM HIS OR HER VETERINARY LOAN REPAYMENT CONTRACT
23 WITHOUT PENALTY IF:

24 (a) THE VETERINARIAN HAS COMPLETED THE SERVICE
25 REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT;

26 (b) THE VETERINARIAN IS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE SERVICE
27 REQUIREMENT OF THE CONTRACT BECAUSE OF A PERMANENT PHYSICAL

1 DISABILITY;

2 (c) THE VETERINARIAN DEMONSTRATES TO THE COUNCIL EXTREME
3 HARDSHIP OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE JUSTIFYING RELEASE FROM THE
4 CONTRACT; OR

5 (d) THE VETERINARIAN DIES.

6 (2) A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL NOT TO RELEASE A VETERINARIAN
7 FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LOAN REPAYMENT CONTRACT WITHOUT
8 PENALTY IS A FINAL AGENCY ACTION THAT IS REVIEWABLE BY A DISTRICT
9 COURT.

10 **35-82-109. Loan repayment.** (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE ALL
11 PAYMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAM ON A VETERINARIAN'S BEHALF TO THE
12 ISSUER OR PURCHASER OF THE VETERINARIAN'S STUDENT LOAN.

13 (2) AS REQUIRED BY A SELECTED VETERINARIAN'S CONTRACT
14 UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE VETERINARIAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
15 FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF LOAN REPAYMENT:

16 (a) UPON COMPLETION OF SIX MONTHS OF THE FIRST YEAR OF
17 SERVICE UNDER THE PROGRAM, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS;

18 (b) UPON COMPLETION OF A SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE UNDER THE
19 PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS;

20 (c) UPON COMPLETION OF A THIRD YEAR OF SERVICE UNDER THE
21 PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

22 (d) UPON COMPLETION OF A FOURTH YEAR OF SERVICE UNDER THE
23 CONTRACT, AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

24 (3) A VETERINARIAN IS NOT ENTITLED TO RECEIVE MORE THAN
25 SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

26 (4) IF, FOR ANY OF THE YEARS OF SERVICE FOR WHICH A
27 VETERINARIAN SELECTED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS CONTRACTED TO

1 PROVIDE SERVICE, THE VETERINARIAN FAILS TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE
2 YEAR OF SERVICE, THE COUNCIL SHALL PRORATE THE AMOUNT OF LOAN
3 REPAYMENT ON THE VETERINARIAN'S BEHALF FOR THAT YEAR.

4 **35-82-110. Veterinary education loan repayment fund -**
5 **creation - gifts, grants, and donations.** (1) THE VETERINARY
6 EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE 82 AS
7 THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND
8 CONSISTS OF MONEY CREDITED TO IT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF
9 THIS SECTION AND ANY MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
10 APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

11 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
12 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
13 FUND TO THE FUND.

14 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ANY UNEXPENDED AND
15 UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL
16 YEAR TO THE FUND.

17 (4) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
18 COUNCIL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS ARTICLE 82.

19 (5) (a) THE COUNCIL MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
20 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
21 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 82. THE COUNCIL SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY
22 RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE
23 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

24 (b) THE COUNCIL MAY CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
25 ENTITY AND MAY EXPEND MONEY AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL TO OBTAIN
26 MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE 82.

27 (c) IF AN ENTITY DESIRES TO PROVIDE A GIFT, GRANT, OR

1 DONATION OF MONEY TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A
2 VETERINARIAN IN A SPECIFIC VETERINARY SHORTAGE AREA, THE ENTITY
3 SHALL COMMIT TO PROVIDE THE FULL AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER THE
4 PROGRAM FOR PLACEMENT OF A VETERINARIAN IN THAT VETERINARY
5 SHORTAGE AREA FOR FOUR YEARS.

6 (d) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), "GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
7 DONATIONS" INCLUDE MONEY FROM AN ENDOWMENT.

8 (6) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-402 (2)(a) AND FOR
9 EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE ALTERNATIVE MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE FUND
10 IS THIRTY-THREE AND THREE-TENTHS PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EXPENDED
11 FROM THE FUND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.