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H. R. 4285

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for full repayment under National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program in case of a 5-year commitment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2021

Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Creation of Opportuni-
5 ties for Medical Manpower in Underserved Neighborhoods
6 by Indemnifying Tuition and Incentivizing Exceptional
7 Service Act” or the “COMMUNITIES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FULL REPAYMENT UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH**
 2 **SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-**
 3 **GRAM IN CASE OF 5-YEAR COMMITMENT.**

4 Section 338B(g)(2) of the Public Health Service Act
 5 (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(g)(2)) is amended by adding at the end
 6 the following:

7 “(C) FULL REPAYMENT IN CASE OF 5-
 8 YEAR COMMITMENT.—In the case of an indi-
 9 vidual who, pursuant to subsection
 10 (f)(1)(B)(iv), agrees to serve for a period of ob-
 11 ligated service equal to 5 years, the Secretary,
 12 for each such year of obligated service, shall
 13 pay (subject to the availability of appropria-
 14 tions) on behalf of the individual the total
 15 amount owed by such individual for loans de-
 16 scribed in paragraph (1), divided by 5.”.

17 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS AUTHORIZA-**
 18 **TION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Section 338H of the Public Health Service Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 254q) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
 22 paragraph (1), by striking “this section” and insert-
 23 ing “this subpart”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(d) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 26 TIONS.—In addition to amounts authorized to be appro-

1 priated under subsection (a), there is authorized to be ap-
2 propriated to carry out this subpart \$300,000,000 for
3 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

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