

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE PRECEPTOR EDUCATION CREDITS; AMENDING CHAPTER 14,
2 TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-1411A, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR CERTAIN NURSE
4 PRECEPTORS; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION
5 OF A NEW SECTION 54-1808A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MEDI-
6 CAL EDUCATION CREDITS FOR CERTAIN PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS AND PHYSICIAN
7 ASSISTANT PRECEPTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EF-
8 FECTIVE DATE.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Chapter 14, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
12 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
13 ignated as Section 54-1411A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

14 54-1411A. PRECEPTORS -- CONTINUING EDUCATION. (1) In order to promote
15 preceptorship experiences, a primary care health professional applying to
16 renew a professional license pursuant to section 54-1411, Idaho Code, shall
17 track and report any hours spent acting as a preceptor to a graduate student
18 in a qualified rural area during the prior two (2) years. A preceptor devot-
19 ing three hundred sixty (360) hours or more during the prior two (2) years in
20 a qualified rural area shall receive credit for such service in the form of
21 continuing education credits or required practice hours or be accorded such
22 other affirmative acknowledgment as the board of nursing shall determine is
23 appropriate in considering the renewal of the preceptor's license.

24 (2) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

25 (a) "Graduate student" means an individual matriculating at the gradu-
26 ate level at any accredited Idaho institution of higher education seek-
27 ing a degree in any area of nursing licensed under this chapter.

28 (b) "Preceptor" means a nursing professional licensed pursuant to the
29 provisions of this chapter.

30 (c) "Preceptorship" means an uncompensated mentoring experience in
31 which a preceptor provides a program of personalized instruction,
32 training, and supervision for a total of no less than one hundred eighty
33 (180) hours per calendar year that is offered to eligible graduate stu-
34 dents to enable the students to obtain professional degrees in primary
35 care fields.

36 (d) "Primary care" shall have the meaning as provided in section
37 39-5903, Idaho Code.

38 (e) "Qualified rural area" means a primary care health professional
39 shortage area or a medically underserved area, as those terms are de-
40 fined in section 39-5903, Idaho Code.

1 SECTION 2. That Chapter 18, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
2 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
3 ignated as Section 54-1808A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

4 54-1808A. PRECEPTORS -- CONTINUING EDUCATION. (1) In order to promote
5 preceptorship experiences, a primary care health professional applying to
6 renew a professional license as a physician or physician assistant shall
7 track and report any hours spent acting as a preceptor to a graduate student
8 in a qualified rural area during the prior two (2) years. A preceptor devot-
9 ing three hundred sixty (360) hours or more during the prior two (2) years in
10 a qualified rural area shall receive credit for such service in the form of
11 continuing medical education credits or be accorded such other affirmative
12 acknowledgment as the board of medicine shall determine is appropriate in
13 considering the renewal of the preceptor's license.

14 (2) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

15 (a) "Graduate student" means an individual matriculating at the gradu-
16 ate level at any accredited Idaho institution of higher education seek-
17 ing a degree in any of the areas of doctor of osteopathy or physician as-
18 sistant.

19 (b) "Preceptor" means a physician or physician assistant licensed pur-
20 suant to the provisions of this chapter.

21 (c) "Preceptorship" means an uncompensated mentoring experience in
22 which a preceptor provides a program of personalized instruction,
23 training, and supervision for a total of no less than one hundred eighty
24 (180) hours per calendar year that is offered to eligible graduate stu-
25 dents to enable the students to obtain professional degrees in primary
26 care fields.

27 (d) "Primary care" shall have the meaning as provided in section
28 39-5903, Idaho Code.

29 (e) "Qualified rural area" means a primary care health professional
30 shortage area or a medically underserved area, as those terms are de-
31 fined in section 39-5903, Idaho Code.

32 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
33 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
34 July 1, 2025.