

House Bill 2574

Sponsored by Representative ROBLAN; Senator WHITSETT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program for certain veterinarians who provide veterinary services in veterinary resource shortage area.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Student Assistance Commission for purposes of loan repayment program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program; appropriating money; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) **As used in this section, "veterinary resource shortage area" means an**
6 **area designated by the State Veterinarian as having limited access to:**

7 (a) **Large animal veterinary services;**

8 (b) **Veterinary services necessary to implement or enforce the law; or**

9 (c) **Veterinary services necessary to protect public health.**

10 (2) **The Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program is created. The loan repayment program**
11 **is administered by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission to assist in the repayment**
12 **of loans of an individual who:**

13 (a)(A) **Is enrolled in the final year of a veterinary medical program at a veterinary college**
14 **that is approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board or accredited by**
15 **the American Veterinary Medical Association; or**

16 (B) **Was first licensed as a veterinarian not more than three years prior to submitting**
17 **an application for repayment.**

18 (b) **Has loans for expenses from a veterinary college that is approved by the Oregon State**
19 **Veterinary Medical Examining Board or accredited by the American Veterinary Medical As-**
20 **sociation if the loans were used for tuition, education expenses or living expenses.**

21 (c) **Does not have a loan that is in default status.**

22 (d) **Has not received any other repayment assistance.**

23 (e) **Has agreed to provide veterinary services in a veterinary resource shortage area for**
24 **at least two years.**

25 (3)(a) **An individual receiving funds under this section who fails to provide veterinary**
26 **services in a veterinary resource shortage area for at least two years shall repay the amount**
27 **received by the individual to the commission. Ten percent interest shall be charged on the**
28 **amount to be repaid, accrued from the date the amount was distributed. Additionally, a**
29 **penalty fee equal to 25 percent of the total amount of funds received shall be assessed**
30 **against the individual. No interest shall accrue on the penalty.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

