

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Tax Credits by prior reference

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases tax credit for TRICARE providers to \$5,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rural Doctors are not accepting TRICARE patients

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3206 provides a greater incentive for medical providers to retain TRICARE patients. TRICARE has a low reimbursement rate to providers. Many medical providers choose not to accept TRICARE patients because of this low reimbursement rate. House Bill 3206 raises the tax credit from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for health care providers with TRICARE patients.