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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 337 and 338

insert:

Section 5. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section 456.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

(1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be taken:



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11 (k) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation
12 placed upon a licensee. For purposes of this section, failing to
13 repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or the
14 Federal Government in accordance with the terms of the loan is
15 not ~~or failing to comply with service scholarship obligations~~
16 ~~shall be~~ considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal
17 obligation, ~~and the minimum disciplinary action imposed shall be~~
18 ~~a suspension of the license until new payment terms are agreed~~
19 ~~upon or the scholarship obligation is resumed, followed by~~
20 ~~probation for the duration of the student loan or remaining~~
21 ~~scholarship obligation period, and a fine equal to 10 percent of~~
22 ~~the defaulted loan amount.~~ Fines collected shall be deposited
23 into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.

24 Section 6. Section 456.0721, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

25 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 456.074, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate
28 suspension of license.-

29 ~~(4) Upon receipt of information that a Florida-licensed~~
30 ~~health care practitioner has defaulted on a student loan issued~~
31 ~~or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government, the~~
32 ~~department shall notify the licensee by certified mail that he~~
33 ~~or she shall be subject to immediate suspension of license~~
34 ~~unless, within 45 days after the date of mailing, the licensee~~
35 ~~provides proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by~~
36 ~~all parties to the loan. The department shall issue an emergency~~
37 ~~order suspending the license of any licensee who, after 45 days~~
38 ~~following the date of mailing from the department, has failed to~~
39 ~~provide such proof. Production of such proof shall not prohibit~~



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40 ~~the department from proceeding with disciplinary action against~~
41 ~~the licensee pursuant to s. 456.073.~~

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43 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Delete line 28

46 and insert:

47 applicants which expires after 60 days; amending
48 456.072, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
49 by the act; repealing s. 456.0721, F.S., relating to
50 health care practitioners in default on student loan
51 or scholarship obligations; amending s. 456.074, F.S.;
52 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
53 amending s.