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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 4, after the semicolon, insert "requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide a subsidy for the full cost of medical professional liability insurance to physicians in approved medical specialties who meet certain requirements; establishing requirements for physicians to receive a subsidy for the full cost of medical professional liability insurance; prohibiting a physician who obtains a subsidy from receiving other compensation for serving certain patients; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;".

On page 4, in line 8, strike "Section 15-102.7 and 19-304" and substitute "Section 15-102.7 and 19-304; and 24-1301 through 24-1303, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Medical Professional Liability Insurance Subsidy"".

AMENDMENT NO.2

On page 13, after line 17, insert:

"SUBTITLE 13. MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE SUBSIDY.

24-1301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) (1) "APPROVED HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE FREE OF CHARGE OR AT A REDUCED COST TO LOW-INCOME PATIENTS.

(2) "APPROVED HEALTH CARE FACILITY" INCLUDES:

(Over)

(I) A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER;

(II) A HOSPITAL; AND

(III) A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.

(C) (1) “APPROVED MEDICAL SPECIALTY” MEANS A MEDICAL SPECIALTY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO WHICH LOW-INCOME PATIENTS MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY GAINING ACCESS.

(2) “APPROVED MEDICAL SPECIALTY” INCLUDES OBSTETRICS.

24-1302.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A SUBSIDY FOR THE FULL COST OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE TO PHYSICIANS IN APPROVED MEDICAL SPECIALTIES WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PHYSICIAN SEEKING A SUBSIDY FOR THE FULL COST OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE SHALL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AN APPROVED HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 12 HOURS PER WEEK OF CARE FOR LOW-INCOME PATIENTS OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

(C) A PHYSICIAN WHO OBTAINS A SUBSIDY FOR THE FULL COST OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY OTHER COMPENSATION FOR SERVING THE LOW-INCOME PATIENTS OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

24-1303.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.