

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Todd

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT PERTAINING TO LOANS MADE BY THE ARKANSAS
RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP
BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Act 649 of 1983 amended the Arkansas law pertaining to the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board by specifically providing that for the portion of any loan granted that had not been repaid or canceled by July 1, 1983, the recipient of such loan would not be required to reside in the rural community in which he or she practices as a condition for converting the loan into a scholarship grant but that the person would be required to meet other requirements of Act 649 of 1983. Despite the clear language of Act 649 of 1983, the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board has continued to attempt to enforce the residency requirement on persons who received loans before the effective date of Act 649 of 1983. Therefore, it is the purpose of this section to remove all doubt that the state has relinquished its right to enforce the residency requirement for those persons covered under Section 9(1)(C) of Act 131 of 1949, as amended by Act 649 of 1983.

(b) The State of Arkansas hereby waives all rights of the State and of the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board to enforce the requirement in loans granted before July 1, 1983 that a person reside in the rural community in which he or she practices as a condition for converting a loan received from the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board into a scholarship grant.

SECTION 2. Any applicant for a loan issued by the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board and any person who has been granted a loan by the Board may appeal any decision or action relating to the application for a loan or relating to a loan granted by the Board. An appeal from any decision or action of the Board or of the Director of Student Aid of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may be made at anytime to the President of the University of Arkansas; except that the President may designate the General Counsel for the University of Arkansas to serve as the officer to hear such appeals.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.