

HOUSE BILL No. 2213

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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9 AN ACT concerning the veterinary training program for rural Kansans;
10 relating to certain loans and agreements; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp.
11 76-4,112 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 76-4,112. (a) There is hereby established the veterinary training
16 program for rural Kansas at the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas
17 state university which shall be developed and implemented in order to
18 provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons pur-
19 suing a veterinary medicine degree program at Kansas state university to
20 locate their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities and receive
21 specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock producers and
22 rural Kansas communities. The program shall be administered by the
23 college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state university.

24 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, in accordance with
25 the provisions of this section, the college may enter into program agree-
26 ments with up to five first-year veterinary students per year who have
27 entered into a program agreement. Preference shall be given to those
28 students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county as
29 described in subsection (d)(3) which is determined to be an underserved
30 area for the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by the college.

31 (c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each student en-
32 tering into a program agreement under this section shall receive a loan
33 in the amount of \$20,000 per year for not more than four years for tuition,
34 books, supplies and other school expenses, and travel and training ex-
35 penses incurred by the student in pursuing a veterinary medicine degree.
36 Upon satisfaction of all commitments under the provisions of the agree-
37 ment and the provisions of this section, the loans provided pursuant to
38 this section shall be deemed satisfied and forgiven.

39 (d) Each program agreement shall require that the person receiving
40 the loan:

- 41 (1) Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the college;
- 42 (2) complete all advanced training in public health, livestock biose-
43 curity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary medicine

1 and zoonotic disease, and an externship and mentoring requirement with
2 a licensed, accredited veterinarian in rural Kansas as required by the
3 college;

4 (3) *for a person who entered into a program agreement on or before*
5 *the effective date of this act, engage in the full-time practice of veterinary*
6 *medicine in any county in Kansas which has a population not exceeding*
7 *35,000 at the time the person entered into the program agreement for a*
8 *period of at least 12 continuous months for each separate year a student*
9 *receives a loan under the program, unless such obligation is otherwise*
10 *satisfied as provided in this section. A person who enters into a program*
11 *agreement on and after the effective date of this act shall engage in the*
12 *full-time practice of veterinary medicine in any county in Kansas, which*
13 *has a population not exceeding 10,000 at the time the person entered into*
14 *the program agreement for a period of at least 18 continuous months for*
15 *each separate year a student receives a loan under the program, unless*
16 *such obligation is otherwise satisfied as provided in this section. A pro-*
17 *gram agreement whereby the person pursuant to such agreement is en-*
18 *gaging in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in a county that no*
19 *longer meets the maximum population requirements provided in this sub-*
20 *section after the date that such program agreement was entered into by*
21 *the college and the person shall continue in full force and effect subject*
22 *to the other requirements contained in this section;*

23 (4) commence such full-time practice of veterinary medicine within
24 90 days after completion of such person's degree program, or if such
25 person enters a post-degree training program such as a graduate school
26 or internship or residency program, within 90 days after completion of
27 such post-degree training program; and

28 (5) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time
29 practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with the provisions of this
30 section, repay to the college, within 90 days of such failure, the amount
31 equal to the amount loaned to such person less a prorated amount based
32 on any such periods of practice of veterinary medicine meeting the
33 requirements of this section, plus interest at the prime rate of interest
34 plus 2% from the date such loan accrued. Such interest shall be com-
35 pounded annually.

36 (e) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in
37 accordance with the provisions of this section shall be postponed during:

38 (1) Any period of temporary medical disability during which the person
39 obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to such disability;
40 and (2) any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in
41 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

42 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in
43 accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this section shall be

1 satisfied: (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary med-
2 icine in accordance with the agreement has been completed; (2) if, be-
3 cause of permanent disability, the person obligated is unable to practice
4 veterinary medicine; or (3) the person obligated dies.

5 (g) The college may adopt additional provisions, requirements or con-
6 ditions to participate in this program as are practicable and appropriate
7 to accomplish the provisions of the program or may be required for the
8 implementation or administration of the program, and, in any case, as are
9 not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of
10 appropriation acts.

11 (h) As used in this section: (1) "College" means the college of vet-
12 erinary medicine at Kansas state university; (2) "program" means the
13 veterinary training program for rural Kansas established pursuant to this
14 section; and (3) "program agreement" means an agreement to meet all
15 the obligations provided in this section by a person who is a first-year
16 veterinary student at the college, and provides benefits to such person as
17 provided in this section.

18 (i) The college shall not enter into any program agreements pursuant
19 to the provisions of this section after July 1, 2016. All program agreements
20 entered into prior to such date shall continue in full force and effect
21 subject to the requirements of this section.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby repealed.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the statute book.