

HOUSE BILL No. 2364

By Committee on Appropriations

2-16

1 AN ACT concerning the veterinary training program for rural Kansas;
2 amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-4,112 and repealing the existing
3 section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 76-4,112. (a) There is hereby established the veterinary training
8 program for rural Kansas at the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas
9 state university which shall be developed and implemented in order to
10 provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons pursuing
11 a veterinary medicine degree program at Kansas state university to locate
12 their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities and receive
13 specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock producers and
14 rural Kansas communities. The program shall be administered by the
15 college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state university.

16 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, in accordance with
17 the provisions of this section, the college may enter into program
18 agreements with up to five first-year veterinary students per year who have
19 entered into a program agreement. Preference shall be given to those
20 students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county as
21 described in subsection (d)(3) which is determined to be an underserved
22 area for the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by the college.

23 (c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each student
24 entering into a program agreement under this section shall receive a loan
25 in the amount of \$20,000 per year for not more than four years for tuition,
26 books, supplies and other school expenses, and travel and training
27 expenses incurred by the student in pursuing a veterinary medicine degree.
28 Upon satisfaction of all commitments under the provisions of the
29 agreement and the provisions of this section, the loans provided pursuant
30 to this section shall be deemed satisfied and forgiven.

31 (d) Each program agreement shall require that the person receiving
32 the loan:

- 33 (1) Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the college;
34 (2) complete all advanced training in public health, livestock
35 biosecurity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary
36 medicine and zoonotic disease, and an externship and mentoring

1 requirement with a licensed, accredited veterinarian in rural Kansas as
2 required by the college;

3 (3) engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in any
4 county in Kansas which has a population not exceeding 35,000 at the time
5 the person entered into the program agreement for a period of at least 12
6 continuous months for each separate year a student receives a loan under
7 the program, unless such obligation is otherwise satisfied as provided in
8 this section. A program agreement whereby the person pursuant to such
9 agreement is engaging in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in a
10 county that no longer meets the maximum population requirements
11 provided in this subsection after the date that such program agreement was
12 entered into by the college and the person shall continue in full force and
13 effect subject to the other requirements contained in this section;

14 (4) commence such full-time practice of veterinary medicine within
15 90 days after completion of such person's degree program, or if such
16 person enters a post-degree training program such as a graduate school or
17 internship or residency program, within 90 days after completion of such
18 post-degree training program; and

19 (5) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time
20 practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with the provisions of this
21 section, repay to the college, within 90 days of such failure, the amount
22 equal to the amount loaned to such person less a prorated amount based on
23 any such periods of practice of veterinary medicine meeting the
24 requirements of this section, plus interest at the prime rate of interest plus
25 2% from the date such loan accrued. Such interest shall be compounded
26 annually.

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

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

33 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in
34 accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this section shall be
35 satisfied: (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary
36 medicine in accordance with the agreement has been completed; (2) if,
37 because of permanent disability, the person obligated is unable to practice
38 veterinary medicine; or (3) the person obligated dies.

39 (g) The college may adopt additional provisions, requirements or
40 conditions to participate in this program as are practicable and appropriate
41 to accomplish the provisions of the program or may be required for the
42 implementation or administration of the program, and, in any case, as are
43 not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of

1 appropriation acts.

2 (h) As used in this section: (1) "College" means the college of
3 veterinary medicine at Kansas state university; (2) "program" means the
4 veterinary training program for rural Kansas established pursuant to this
5 section; and (3) "program agreement" means an agreement to meet all the
6 obligations provided in this section by a person who is a first-year
7 veterinary student at the college, and provides benefits to such person as
8 provided in this section.

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

13 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby repealed.

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