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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.603, 191.605, and 191.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the health professional student loan repayment program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 191.603, 191.605, and 191.607, RSMo, are repealed
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.603,
3 191.605, and 191.607, to read as follows:

191.603. As used in sections 191.600 to 191.615, the following terms shall
2 mean:

3 (1) "Areas of defined need", areas designated by the department pursuant
4 to section 191.605, when services of a physician, **including a psychiatrist,**
5 chiropractor, or dentist are needed to improve the patient-health professional
6 ratio in the area, to contribute health care professional services to an area of
7 economic impact, or to contribute health care professional services to an area
8 suffering from the effects of a natural disaster;

9 (2) "Chiropractor", a person licensed and registered pursuant to chapter
10 331;

11 (3) "Department", the department of health and senior services;

12 (4) "General dentist", dentists licensed and registered pursuant to chapter
13 332 engaged in general dentistry and who are providing such services to the
14 general population;

15 (5) "Primary care physician", physicians licensed and registered pursuant
16 to chapter 334 engaged in general or family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics
17 or obstetrics and gynecology as their primary specialties, and who are providing
18 such primary care services to the general population;

19 **(6) "Psychiatrist", the same meaning as in section 632.005.**

 191.605. The department shall designate counties, communities, or
2 sections of urban areas as areas of defined need for medical, **psychiatric**,
3 chiropractic, or dental services when such county, community or section of an
4 urban area has been designated as a primary care health professional shortage
5 area, **a mental health care professional shortage area**, or a dental health
6 care professional shortage area by the federal Department of Health and Human
7 Services, or has been determined by the director of the department of health and
8 senior services to have an extraordinary need for health care professional
9 services, without a corresponding supply of such professionals.

 191.607. The department shall adopt and promulgate regulations
2 establishing standards for determining eligible persons for loan repayment
3 pursuant to sections 191.600 to 191.615. These standards shall include, but are
4 not limited to the following:

- 5 (1) Citizenship or permanent residency in the United States;
- 6 (2) Residence in the state of Missouri;
- 7 (3) Enrollment as a full-time medical student in the final year of a course
8 of study offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice
9 medicine or osteopathy pursuant to chapter 334, **including psychiatrists**;
- 10 (4) Enrollment as a full-time dental student in the final year of course
11 study offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice
12 general dentistry pursuant to chapter 332;
- 13 (5) Enrollment as a full-time chiropractic student in the final year of
14 course study offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice
15 chiropractic medicine pursuant to chapter 331;
- 16 (6) Application for loan repayment.

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