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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 172, L.D. 440, Bill, “An Act To Support Community Health Centers through Tax Credits for Dentists and Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-II is enacted to read:

§5219-II. Primary care access credit

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible primary care professional" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 31, subchapter 3 or subchapter 4; Title 32, chapter 36, subchapter 4; or Title 32, chapter 48, subchapter 2 and who, on or after January 1, 2013:

- (1) First begins practicing primary care medicine in the State by joining an existing health care practice in an underserved area or establishing a new health care practice or purchasing an existing health care practice in an underserved area;
- (2) Agrees to practice full time for at least 5 years in an underserved area;
- (3) Is certified under subsection 3 to be eligible by the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (4) Has an unpaid student loan owed to an institution for course work directly related to that person's training in primary care medicine.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

