THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 28, 2024

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing 3 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain 7 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," in personal income tax, providing for preceptor 10 tax deduction. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as 14 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to 15 16 read: 17 Section 304.3. Preceptor Tax Deduction. -- (a) A taxpayer 18 subject to the tax imposed by this article who is a health care 19 provider engaged as a preceptor shall be entitled to a deduction of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the taxable income of the 20

- 1 taxpayer for a volunteer-based supervised clinical training
- 2 rotation supervised by the taxpayer, regardless of the number of
- 3 volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotations
- 4 <u>supervised by the taxpayer.</u>
- 5 (b) The Preceptor Certification Committee is established
- 6 within the department. The following apply:
- 7 (1) The committee shall be composed of representatives of:
- 8 <u>(i) The Department of Health.</u>
- 9 <u>(ii) The State Board of Medicine.</u>
- 10 (iii) The State Board of Nursing.
- 11 (2) The committee shall develop and implement a plan for
- 12 <u>certifying applications for a tax deduction under this section</u>,
- 13 <u>including:</u>
- 14 (i) Developing a process to ensure that requests for
- 15 <u>certification are reviewed and verifications are processed no</u>
- 16 <u>later than thirty days following the close of each calendar</u>
- 17 year.
- 18 (ii) Developing the documentation process for the committee
- 19 to certify a preceptor for the tax deduction. The documentation
- 20 to be collected shall include all of the following:
- 21 (A) The preceptor's name, address, place of practice and
- 22 <u>license number.</u>
- 23 (B) The dates and hours of volunteer-based supervised
- 24 clinical training rotation per eligible student.
- 25 (C) Attestation that the preceptor is uncompensated for the
- 26 volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation.
- 27 (D) Other information deemed necessary by the committee.
- 28 (3) The committee shall:
- 29 (i) Maintain records of the names, addresses and license
- 30 numbers of the taxpayers claiming a deduction under this

- 1 <u>section</u>.
- 2 (ii) Certify the number of volunteer-based supervised
- 3 clinical training rotations that each taxpayer conducted by
- 4 <u>verifying all of the following:</u>
- 5 (A) That the taxpayer meets the requirements to serve as a
- 6 preceptor.
- 7 (B) The number of hours that the taxpayer spent supervising
- 8 <u>an eligible student in each volunteer-based supervised clinical</u>
- 9 training rotation.
- 10 (C) That the eliqible student was enrolled in an academic
- 11 program approved by the State Board of Nursing or State Board of
- 12 Medicine.
- 13 (D) That the taxpayer was uncompensated for each rotation.
- 14 (iii) Upon each determination approving a deduction under
- 15 this section, issue a certificate to the taxpayer certifying the
- 16 deduction for the taxable year.
- 17 (4) Application for a deduction under this section may not
- 18 be submitted for certification prior to the supervised clinical
- 19 training rotation being performed.
- 20 (5) Members of the committee shall be immune from civil
- 21 liability for any official act, decision or omission performed
- 22 for the purpose for which the committee was established, except
- 23 for any act, decision or omission that constitutes gross
- 24 <u>negligence or willful misconduct.</u>
- 25 (c) A taxpaver who receives a certificate in accordance with
- 26 subsection (b) (3) (iii) shall file the certificate with the
- 27 <u>taxpayer's tax return with the department.</u>
- 28 (d) If the deduction allowed under this section is greater
- 29 than the amount of tax due, no refund or carryover credit shall
- 30 be allowed.

- 1 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
- 2 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
- 3 the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 4 <u>"Academic program." An academic degree granting program or</u>
- 5 graduate medical education program.
- 6 "Committee." The Preceptor Certification Committee
- 7 established under subsection (b).
- 8 <u>"Eliqible student." An advanced practice registered nurse</u>
- 9 <u>student, nurse anesthesia student, medical student, physician</u>
- 10 assistant student or registered nurse student who is enrolled in
- 11 <u>an academic program.</u>
- 12 <u>"Health care provider." A physician or osteopathic</u>
- 13 physician, advanced practice registered nurse, nurse
- 14 <u>anesthetist</u>, physician assistant or registered nurse who holds a
- 15 Pennsylvania license and maintains a professional primary care
- 16 practice in this Commonwealth.
- 17 "Preceptor." A health care provider who is engaged in a
- 18 <u>volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation.</u>
- 19 "Primary care." The principal point of continuing care for
- 20 patients provided by a health care provider, including health
- 21 promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling,
- 22 patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic
- 23 <u>illnesses and coordination of other specialist care that the</u>
- 24 patients may need.
- 25 "Volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation." An
- 26 uncompensated period of supervised clinical training of an
- 27 <u>eligible student that totals at least eighty hours of</u>
- 28 supervisory time annually, in which a preceptor provides
- 29 personalized instruction, training and supervision to an
- 30 eligible student to enable the eligible student to obtain an

- 1 <u>eligible professional degree or training certificate.</u>
- 2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.