

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0046

National guard medical professional retention program.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the national guard; creating the Wyoming
2 national guard medical professional retention program;
3 providing a malpractice insurance premium reimbursement for
4 national guard medical professionals as specified;
5 providing restrictions; providing conditions for repayment
6 of assistance received; granting rulemaking authority;
7 providing definitions; providing a sunset date; providing a
8 continuous appropriation; and providing for an effective
9 date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-701 through 19-9-705 are created
14 to read:

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ARTICLE 7

1 MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL RETENTION PROGRAM

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3 **19-9-701. National guard medical professional**
4 **retention program; administration of program.**

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6 (a) The Wyoming national guard medical professional
7 retention program is created to provide assistance to
8 qualified medical professionals actively serving in the
9 Wyoming national guard for the reimbursement of medical
10 malpractice insurance premiums.

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12 (b) The program shall be administered by the adjutant
13 general in accordance with the provisions of this article.
14 The adjutant general shall promulgate rules for the
15 administration of the program.

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17 **19-9-702. Definitions.**

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19 (a) As used in this article:

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21 (i) "Program" means the national guard medical
22 professional retention program; and

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1 (ii) "Qualified medical professional" means a
2 physician or dentist licensed to practice his profession in
3 Wyoming who is currently an officer in good standing in the
4 Wyoming national guard or is currently fulfilling the
5 requirements to become an officer in the Wyoming national
6 guard.

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8 **19-9-703. Requirements for malpractice insurance**
9 **premium reimbursements.**

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11 (a) Subject to legislative appropriation and in
12 accordance with the provisions of this article, the
13 adjutant general or his designee may authorize the
14 reimbursement of medical and dental malpractice insurance
15 premiums for qualified medical professionals. The maximum
16 malpractice insurance premium reimbursement under the
17 program shall be the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of the
18 total cost of malpractice insurance premiums paid by the
19 qualified medical professional during a calendar year, or
20 fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) per calendar year
21 for each year the service contract required by paragraph
22 (b)(iii) of this section is in effect.

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1 (b) To be eligible to participate in the program the
2 qualified medical professional shall:

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4 (i) Be a resident of the state of Wyoming;

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6 (ii) Be a qualified medical professional as
7 defined in W.S. 19-9-702(a)(ii); and

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9 (iii) Sign a new service contract after July 1,
10 2009 in which the qualified medical professional agrees to
11 serve in the Wyoming national guard as a medical
12 professional for at least four (4) years after first
13 receiving reimbursement benefits under the program.

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15 (c) Any individual receiving benefits under this
16 section who fails to meet the requirements of this section
17 or otherwise ceases to be a qualified medical professional
18 shall repay all medical malpractice insurance premium
19 reimbursements received under the program.

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21 (d) The adjutant general may promulgate rules waiving
22 or suspending repayment otherwise required under subsection

23 (c) of this section. The adjutant general shall
24 immediately transmit all repayments of benefits under the

1 plan to the state treasurer for deposit in the state
2 general fund.

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4 **19-9-704. National guard medical professional**
5 **retention fund; creation; source of funds.**

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7 There is created the national guard medical professional
8 retention account. The account shall be administered by
9 the adjutant general and shall consist of monies
10 appropriated or designated to the account by law. All
11 monies in the account not immediately necessary for the
12 purposes of this article, which amount is certified by the
13 adjutant general to the state treasurer, shall be invested
14 and any interest earned shall be credited to the account.
15 All funds in the account are continuously appropriated to
16 the adjutant general to be used for the purposes authorized
17 under this article. All monies in the account that are not
18 expended, encumbered or obligated shall revert to the
19 general fund in accordance with the provisions of W.S.
20 19-9-705 on June 30, 2012.

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22 **19-9-705. Sunset.**

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1 W.S. 19-9-701 through 19-9-704 are repealed effective June
2 30, 2012.

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4 **Section 2.** There is appropriated six hundred forty
5 thousand dollars (\$640,000.00) from the general fund to the
6 medical professional retention account created by W.S.
7 19-9-704. This appropriation shall be expended only for
8 the purposes described in W.S. 19-9-701 through 19-9-704.

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10 **Section 3.** All monies appropriated for purposes of
11 this article are continuously appropriated and shall not
12 lapse until the program is terminated as provided by W.S.
13 19-9-705.

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15 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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