

HOUSE BILL NO. 449

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON

Introduced: 2/19/02

Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to forgiveness of certain student loans; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.43.142. Loan forgiveness of loans made to borrowers employed in**
6 **health care.** (a) The state shall forgive a loan made to a borrower who has received
7 an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college or university, is employed within
8 the state as a health care practitioner, and has complied with AS 14.43.120. The
9 amount to be forgiven under this section is the portion of the payments to be made by
10 the borrower for a loan made under AS 14.43.090 equal to the following percentages
11 of the total loan received plus interest, up to a total of 50 percent of the total loan plus
12 interest:

- 13 (1) one year employment, 10 percent;
14 (2) two years employment, an additional 10 percent;

1 (3) three years employment, an additional 10 percent;

2 (4) four years employment, an additional 10 percent;

3 (5) five years employment, an additional 10 percent.

4 (b) The amount of loan forgiveness received by the borrower under this
5 section may not exceed the loan amount paid by the borrower to the state.
6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, while a person's loan is being forgiven by
7 the state under (a) of this section, that person may not receive forgiveness of a loan
8 under any other provision of this chapter.

9 (c) In this section, "health care practitioner" means a person licensed as a
10 registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse under AS 08.68; licensed as a pharmacist
11 under AS 08.80; or employed to provide medical services to an individual as a
12 radiology technician or laboratory technician.

13 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to loans entered into on or after July 1, 2002, and
16 to a person's employment that occurs on or after July 1, 2002.

17 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2002.