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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to limited tax credits for certain medical education-related preceptorships.

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

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 135.690, to read as follows:

135.690. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Community-based faculty preceptor", a physician or physician assistant who**
3 **is licensed in Missouri and provides preceptorships to Missouri medical students or**
4 **physician assistant students without direct compensation for the work of precepting;**

5 **(2) "Department", the Missouri department of revenue;**

6 **(3) "Division", the division of professional registration of the Missouri department**
7 **of commerce and insurance;**

8 **(4) "Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)", a reimbursement designation**
9 **from the Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid**
10 **Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;**

11 **(5) "Medical student", an individual enrolled in a Missouri medical college**
12 **approved and accredited as reputable by the American Medical Association or the Liaison**
13 **Committee on Medical Education or enrolled in a Missouri osteopathic college approved**
14 **and accredited as reputable by the American Osteopathic Association;**

15 **(6) "Medical student core preceptorship" or "physician assistant student core**
16 **preceptorship", a preceptorship for a medical student or physician assistant student that**
17 **provides a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of community-based instruction in**
18 **family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, or obstetrics and gynecology,**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 under the guidance of a community-based faculty preceptor, in a rural area as defined in
20 this subsection or with a Missouri FQHC. A community-based faculty preceptor may add
21 together the amounts of preceptorship instruction time separately provided to multiple
22 students in determining whether he or she has reached the minimum hours required under
23 this subdivision, but the total preceptorship instruction time provided shall equal at least
24 one hundred twenty hours in order for such preceptor to be eligible for the tax credit
25 authorized under this section;

26 (7) "Physician assistant student", an individual participating in a Missouri
27 physician assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied
28 Health Education Programs or its successor organization;

29 (8) "Rural area", a county that does not have a population density greater than one
30 hundred fifty persons per square mile and any county that contains at least part of the
31 central city of any Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) based on applicable guidelines
32 published by the United States Census Bureau;

33 (9) "Taxpayer", any individual, firm, partner in a firm, corporation, or
34 shareholder in an S corporation doing business in this state and subject to the state income
35 tax imposed under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191
36 to 143.265.

37 2. (1) Beginning January 1, 2022, any community-based faculty preceptor who
38 serves as the community-based faculty preceptor for a medical student core preceptorship
39 or a physician assistant student core preceptorship shall be allowed a credit against the tax
40 otherwise due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections
41 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to one thousand dollars for each preceptorship, up
42 to a maximum of three thousand dollars per tax year, if he or she completes up to three
43 preceptorship rotations during the tax year and did not receive any direct compensation
44 for the preceptorships.

45 (2) To receive the credit allowed by this section, a community-based faculty
46 preceptor shall claim such credit on his or her return for the tax year in which he or she
47 completes the preceptorship rotations and shall submit supporting documentation as
48 prescribed by the division and the department.

49 (3) In no event shall the total amount of a tax credit authorized under this section
50 exceed a taxpayer's income tax liability for the tax year for which such credit is claimed.
51 No tax credit authorized under this section shall be allowed a taxpayer against his or her
52 tax liability for any prior or succeeding tax year.

53 (4) No more than two hundred preceptorship tax credits shall be authorized under
54 this section for any one calendar year. The tax credits shall be awarded on a first-come,

55 first-served basis. The division and the department shall jointly promulgate rules for
56 determining the manner in which taxpayers who have obtained certification under this
57 section are able to claim the tax credit. To the greatest extent possible consistent with the
58 provisions of this subdivision, community-based faculty preceptors who provide
59 preceptorships in rural areas of Missouri shall be given first priority for awards of the tax
60 credit. The cumulative amount of tax credits awarded under this section shall not exceed
61 two hundred thousand dollars per year.

62 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, the
63 department is authorized to exceed the two hundred thousand dollars per year tax credit
64 program cap in any amount not to exceed the amount of funds remaining in the medical
65 preceptor fund, as established under subsection 3 of this section, as of the end of the most
66 recent tax year, after any required transfers to the general revenue fund have taken place
67 in accordance with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.

68 3. (1) Funding for the tax credit program authorized under this section shall be
69 generated by the division from a license fee increase of seven dollars per license for
70 physicians and surgeons and from a license fee increase of three dollars per license for
71 physician assistants. The license fee increases shall take effect as of January 1, 2022, based
72 on the underlying license fee rates prevailing on that date. The underlying license fee rates
73 shall be determined under section 334.090 and all other applicable provisions of chapter
74 334.

75 (2) (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Medical Preceptor Fund",
76 which shall consist of moneys collected under this subsection. The state treasurer shall be
77 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer
78 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation,
79 moneys in the fund shall be used solely by the department for the administration of the tax
80 credit program authorized under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
81 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall
82 not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest
83 moneys in the medical preceptor fund in the same manner as other funds are invested.
84 Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

85 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other provision of law to
86 the contrary, all revenue from the license fee increases described under subdivision (1) of
87 this subsection shall be deposited in the medical preceptor fund. After the end of every tax
88 year, an amount equal to the total dollar amount of all tax credits claimed under this
89 section shall be transferred from the medical preceptor fund to the state's general revenue

90 fund established under section 33.543. Any excess moneys in the medical preceptor fund
91 shall remain in the fund and shall not be transferred to the general revenue fund.

92 4. (1) The department shall administer the tax credit program authorized under
93 this section and certify rotations for the tax credit. Each taxpayer claiming a tax credit
94 under this section shall file an affidavit with his or her income tax return, affirming that
95 he or she is eligible for the tax credit.

96 (2) No amount of any tax credit allowed under this section shall be refundable. No
97 tax credit allowed under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned. No taxpayer
98 shall be eligible to receive the tax credit authorized under this section if such taxpayer
99 employs persons who are not authorized to work in the United States under federal law.

100 5. The department of commerce and insurance and the department of revenue shall
101 jointly promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion
102 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority
103 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all
104 of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
105 chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
106 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul
107 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
108 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

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