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### SENATE BILL NO. 576

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-122.9:1, relating to the dentist loan repayment program.*

Patrons—Schrock, Bolling and Lambert; Delegates: Brink, DeBoer, Diamonstein, Melvin and Morgan

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-122.9:1 as follows:**

*§ 32.1-122.9:1. Dentist Loan Repayment Program.*

*A. With such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, the Board shall establish a dentist loan repayment program for graduates of accredited dental schools who meet the criteria determined by the Board. The Commissioner shall act as the fiscal agent for the Board in administration of these funds. Prior to awarding any funds, the Board shall require the recipient to agree to perform a period of dental service in this Commonwealth in an underserved area as defined in § 32.1-122.5 or a dental health professional shortage area designated in accordance with the criteria established in 42 CFR 5.1 et seq.*

*B. Applications for participation in the program will be accepted from a graduate of any accredited dental school, but preference will be given to graduates of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry.*

#### **2. That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the Dentist Loan Repayment Program within 280 days of enactment of this provision.**

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