

SENATE No. 499

By Mr. White, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 499) of W. Paul White and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, by James Hunt, executive director, for legislation to establish a physician loan forgiveness program within the Department of Public Health. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 25A the following new
3 section: —

4 Section 25B. Subject to appropriation, the department of
5 public health shall administer a loan forgiveness program for
6 physicians and organizations who provide physician services to
7 individuals residing in areas of high medical need. The
8 department, after consultation with the Massachusetts League of
9 Community Health Centers, shall promulgate regulations that
10 stipulate the process of application, the qualifications of
11 applicants, the length of service required, the amounts to be
12 disbursed to each participant, the process of selecting qualified
13 candidates, and any reporting requirements.

14 The department shall make grants available on a priority basis
15 to physicians in community-based primary care settings such as
16 community health centers.

