

HOUSE No. 382

By Mr. Chmura of Ludlow, petition of Steve T. Chmura, Philip A. Quinn, John D. Barrus, Alexander Lolas, Frank J. Matrango and Joseph D. Early relative to establishing an intern scholarship program in the Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6 the following section: —
3 *Section 6A.* There shall be established a scholarship intern
4 program which shall be administered by the commissioner. The
5 commissioner, subject to appropriation and grants from other
6 sources, may grant scholarships providing for the payment of
7 room, board, tuition and other fees to any person who is
8 eligible to attend an accredited college or university and who
9 enrolls at such college or university in a course of study leading
10 to a degree in the fields of dairying and animal husbandry,
11 satisfactory to the commissioner. In no event shall any student
12 receive such scholarship aid for more than four years.

13 To be eligible for such scholarship a person shall (1) be a
14 citizen of the United States and a resident of the common-
15 wealth; (2) be a high school graduate or have an equivalent
16 education; (3) have been accepted for admission as a regular
17 student in an accredited college or university approved by the
18 commissioner to pursue a course of instruction satisfactory to
19 the commissioner; (4) contract, with the consent of his parent
20 or legal guardian if he is a minor, with the commissioner or his
21 designated representative, to serve with the department for a

22 period of three years following his graduation, and to serve
23 with the department during the regular periods of summer
24 vacation while attending such college or university except for
25 such vacation periods as the commissioner may establish by
26 regulation; provided, however, that the department shall not be
27 liable to pay wages to said student during said vacation periods.

28 The commissioner may, subject to available appropriations
29 and grants from other sources, establish within the department
30 a program of graduate study for eligible persons wishing to
31 attend any accredited graduate program at a college or
32 university satisfactory to the commissioner. .

33 The scholarship awards or aid granted by the commissioner
34 under this section shall be on a competitive basis.

35 The commissioner may adopt such rules and regulations as
36 he deems necessary to carry out the programs authorized by
37 this section.

38 Any money expended under authority of this section shall
39 be paid out of the agricultural purposes fund.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.