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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE NURSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 3421, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 3421. Delaware Nursing Incentive Program.

4 (a) *Purpose* — It is the intent and purpose of the General Assembly through this subchapter to enable and
5 encourage academically talented Delawareans to pursue nursing careers at State-operated hospitals or non-profit hospitals
6 located in this state.

7 (b) *Awards* —

8 (1) Awards shall be provided for undergraduate education at regionally accredited institutions of higher
9 education or accredited hospital schools of nursing for the following objectives:

10 a. A course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, if the award recipient is a
11 registered nurse employed by this State, and also has 5 years or more of state service; or

12 b. For all other recipients, a course of study leading to certification as a registered nurse or practical
13 nurse.

14 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, awards may be made available, on a prorated basis, to
15 employees of the State who are enrolled as part-time nursing students.

16 (3) The Delaware residence requirement shall not apply to any employee of the State who is enrolled as a
17 part-time nursing student and who has 5 or more years of state service.

18 (c) *Repayment and forgiveness* —

19 (1) For the purposes of this program, qualifying employment shall be employment as a licensed practical
20 nurse or a registered nurse at a state-owned hospital or clinic or a non-profit hospital located in this state.

21 (2) Loans will be forgiven at the rate of 1 year of employment for 1 year of loan.

SYNOPSIS

This act will increase the numbers of Delaware nursing students eligible for the nursing incentive program by allowing Delawareans pursuing nursing careers at non-profit hospitals located in Delaware to be eligible for the program.