ACT 160   H.B. NO. 2123-78

A Bill for an Act Relating to Community Physician Program.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

    SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase the subsidy provided to physicians under the Community Physician Program in order to update the sum to an adequate level and thus to satisfy the critical health needs of the isolated areas of the State.

    SECTION 2. Section 362-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

    "**Sec. 362-42 Community physician contracts.** With the approval of the governor, the department of health may enter into agreements with physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State for the purpose of providing

medical services to multi-problem neighborhoods, and any other community in the State determined to be in need of subsidized resident physicians as provided in this part, such agreements to provide for the following:

(1) A guarantee to each physician of not more than $45,000 gross income from the practice of medicine and surgery, including any subsidy provided by this part, and which shall be subject to taxation to the extent provided for in chapters 235 and 237;

(2) That the State pay annually to the physician a subsidy to the extent that his annual gross income from the practice of medicine and surgery does not amount to more than $45,000;

(3) That the physician take up residency and be a resident of the community; and

(4) That the amount of income guaranteed by this section shall be reviewed annually by the department of health.

The department of health with the approval of the governor may contract with any number of physicians determined to be required in a community, subject to the provisions of this part."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 1, 1978.)

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*Edited accordingly.