



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 60/28.5 new

Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Professional Regulation shall create a program for the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 to reimburse physicians licensed under the Act in specific high-risk specialties for a portion of their medical malpractice premiums. Effective July 1, 2004.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning physicians.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by
5 adding Section 28.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 60/28.5 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2007)

8 Sec. 28.5. Medical malpractice premium reimbursement
9 program.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall create a
11 program for the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 to
12 reimburse physicians licensed under this Act in specific
13 high-risk specialties for a portion of their medical
14 malpractice premiums.

15 (b) The Department shall reimburse any physician eligible
16 for the program under this Section for up to 75% of their
17 premium increase based on the insurance premium invoices
18 required under subsection (c) with a maximum reimbursement of
19 \$100,000 per physician. For the purposes of this subsection,
20 "premium increase" does not include changes in coverage,
21 including coverage limits, new procedures, or increased risk.

22 (c) To participate in the program, physicians must apply to
23 the Department on forms approved by the Department and submit
24 insurance premium invoices showing premiums due between July 1,
25 2003 and June 30, 2004 and between July 1, 2004 and June 30,
26 2005.

27 (d) Physicians who specialize in the following areas are
28 eligible to participate in the program established under this
29 Section:

30 (1) Obstetrics.

31 (2) Emergency medicine.

32 (3) Neonatology.

1 (4) Cardiology.

2 (5) Thoracic or vascular surgery.

3 (6) Orthopedic surgery.

4 (7) Cardiovascular surgery.

5 (8) Anesthesia.

6 Physicians with disciplinary actions established or
7 pending under this Act are not eligible to participate in the
8 program established under this Section.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2004.