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H. R. 2673

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to participate in the Education Debt Reduction Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOULTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retain Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN**
6 **EDUCATION DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

7 Subsection (a) of section 7682 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) An individual is eligible to
2 participate in the Education Debt Reduction Program if
3 the individual—

4 “(A)(i) is an employee in the Veterans Health
5 Administration serving in a position (as determined
6 by the Secretary) providing direct-patient care serv-
7 ices or services incident to direct-patient care serv-
8 ices for which recruitment or retention of qualified
9 health-care personnel (as so determined) is difficult;
10 or

11 “(ii) is an employee in the Veterans Health Ad-
12 ministration not covered by clause (i) serving in a
13 position specified in section 7401 of this title; and

14 “(B) owes any amount of principal or interest
15 under a loan, the proceeds of which were used by or
16 on behalf of that individual to pay costs relating to
17 a course of education or training which led to a de-
18 gree that qualified the individual for the position re-
19 ferred to in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A).

20 “(2) In selecting individuals to participate in the
21 Education Debt Reduction Program, the Secretary shall
22 give priority to individuals described in paragraph
23 (1)(A)(i).”.

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