

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 2729

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

31 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-144-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
32 amended as follows:

33 37-144-1. There is established the Mississippi Rural
34 Physicians Scholarship Program for the purpose of identifying and
35 recruiting qualified university and college students * * * for
36 medical or osteopathic school matriculation. The program shall
37 consist of three (3) distinct phases through which participants
38 will progress, including:

39 (a) Undergraduate premedical education;

40 (b) Medical or osteopathic school and residency; and



41 (c) Post-residency entry into medical practice in a
42 rural or underserved area of the State of Mississippi.

43 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-144-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
44 amended as follows:

45 37-144-5. The Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship
46 Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

47 (a) Developing the administrative policy for the commission
48 and the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program;

49 (b) Promulgating rules and regulations, with the advice and
50 consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center,
51 pertaining to the implementation and operation of the Rural
52 Physicians Scholarship Program;

53 (c) Developing and implementing strategies and activities
54 for the identification and recruitment of students and for
55 marketing the program and for the implementation of the program.
56 In developing these strategies, the board shall seek the input of
57 various organizations and entities, including the Mississippi
58 State Medical Association, the Mississippi Academy of Family
59 Physicians, the Mississippi Chapters of the American College of
60 Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American
61 College of OB-GYN, Mississippi Psychiatric Association, the
62 Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, the Mississippi
63 Osteopathic Medicine Association and the American Psychiatric
64 Association;



65 (d) Establishing a budget, with the advice and consent of
66 the University of Mississippi Medical Center, to support the
67 activities of the program and periodically reviewing and if
68 appropriate, revising, the scholarship and other stipends offered
69 through the program;

70 (e) Advising the University of Mississippi Medical Center
71 regarding hiring an executive director and support staff necessary
72 for the commission's work. The commission shall nominate at least
73 two (2) individuals to serve as executive director;

74 (f) Reviewing participants progress in the program and
75 mentoring students and physicians participating in the program;

76 (g) Developing and participating in programs that provide
77 initial practice support in collaboration with other interested
78 professional organizations;

79 (h) The commission shall have the authority through use of
80 generally applicable definitions, to designate an area of the
81 state as underserved or rural. The method by which these
82 designations shall be made shall be contained in rules and
83 regulations promulgated by the commission.

84 (i) The commission shall produce an annual report to the
85 Legislature showing certain information relating to the program
86 for the previous fiscal year, including the following:

87 (i) Budget, including funds provided in addition to
88 Legislative appropriations;



89 (ii) Number of participants enrolled in medical or
90 osteopathic school along with their matriculation status;

91 (iii) The status of, to include location of practice,
92 participants who have entered a medicine or other generalist
93 residency program;

94 (iv) The number and cause of participants who breached
95 their obligation(s) to the program; and

96 (v) The status of, to include location of practice,
97 participants who have entered into the practice of medicine in a
98 rural or medically underserved area in Mississippi.

99 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-144-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
100 amended as follows:

101 37-144-7. (1) The commission shall develop and implement
102 policies and procedures designed to recruit, identify and enroll
103 undergraduate students who demonstrate necessary interest,
104 commitment, aptitude and academic achievement to pursue careers as
105 family physicians, child psychiatrists or other generalist
106 physicians in rural or medically underserved areas of Mississippi,
107 and to develop and implement the programs designed to foster
108 successful entry of participants into medical school, completion
109 of medical school, enrollment into and completion of family
110 medicine or other generalist residency, and establishment and
111 maintenance of a career in family medicine, child psychiatry or
112 other generalist specialty in a rural or underserved area of
113 Mississippi.



114 (2) The commission shall have the authority through use of
115 generally applicable definitions to designate an area of the state
116 as underserved or rural.

117 (3) The commission, in conjunction with the University of
118 Mississippi Medical Center, shall have the authority to provide
119 students selected for scholarship funding with faculty mentors and
120 other programs designed to enhance the students' likelihood of
121 admission to the medical school. The commission and the
122 University of Mississippi Medical Center will develop coursework
123 that will provide scholarship students with the skills necessary
124 for sustained and successful medical practice in rural
125 Mississippi.

126 (4) Each applicant for admission to the program must submit
127 an application to the commission that conforms to requirements
128 established by the commission.

129 (5) In selecting participants for the program, the board may
130 only accept an applicant if his or her academic record and other
131 characteristics, if given consideration by the University of
132 Mississippi School of Medicine Admissions Committee, would be
133 considered credible and competitive.

134 (6) An applicant for the program may be admitted only upon a
135 majority vote of the members of the commission.

136 (7) Not less than fifteen (15) students will be admitted to
137 the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program each year,



138 provided that there are fifteen (15) or more qualified applicants
139 for the program.

140 (8) Upon the funding of * * * sixty-two (62) or more rural
141 physicians scholarships by the Legislature and recognizing the
142 importance of balancing the needs of comprehensive primary care
143 along with a critical shortage of psychiatrists in Mississippi,
144 the commission may grant an exception for fourth-year medical or
145 osteopathic school (M4) students who demonstrate a desire to
146 practice psychiatry in rural Mississippi and who use a practice
147 model and enter the practice of medicine in a rural or underserved
148 area in Mississippi, as defined by the commission, beginning for
149 the M4 Class of * * * 2023.

150 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-144-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
151 brought forward as follows:

152 37-144-11. (1) Students in the program may apply to any
153 medical or osteopathic school that is accredited by the Liaison
154 Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or the American Osteopathic
155 Association (AOA).

156 (2) Students in the program seeking admission to the
157 University of Mississippi School of Medicine shall be eligible for
158 a special admissions process pursuant to criteria established by
159 the School of Medicine Admissions Committee which will include
160 special consideration of the attributes of participation in the
161 program.



162 (3) In carrying out the admissions process developed for the
163 Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program participants
164 under this section, the goal is for the program to work with the
165 School of Medicine to enhance the capability of participants to
166 successfully enter and complete medical school, train in family
167 medicine or other generalist primary care specialty and enter
168 practice in rural or underserved areas in Mississippi. To the
169 extent feasible, the early admissions process should be completed
170 before November 1 of the year preceding a student's admission to
171 medical school.

172 **SECTION 5.** Section 37-144-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
173 amended as follows:

174 37-144-13. (1) Subject to the availability of funding,
175 students in the program who successfully matriculate to medical or
176 osteopathic school are eligible for ongoing financial support in
177 accordance with policies and requirements of the commission and in
178 accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. The number
179 of students to be supported at the University of Mississippi
180 School of Medicine and at other schools will be established by
181 policy prescribed by the commission.

182 (2) Subject to the availability of funding, students
183 enrolled at * * * a medical or osteopathic school in Mississippi
184 may receive tuition support, funding to assist with the cost of
185 books and a living stipend, as prescribed by policy of the
186 commission and in accordance with applicable regulations.



187 Preferences for ongoing funding must be given to those students
188 admitted to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

189 (3) For each year that a student in medical or osteopathic
190 school receives financial assistance, the student is obligated for
191 one (1) year of practice as a primary care physician in a rural or
192 underserved area in Mississippi. Breach of the agreement at any
193 stage of training shall invoke the repayment of all financial
194 assistance provided to the student through the Mississippi Rural
195 Physicians Scholarship Program, including assistance provided
196 during undergraduate school, as well as in medical or osteopathic
197 school, along with other penalties that may be prescribed in
198 policy by the commission.

199 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-144-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
200 amended as follows:

201 37-144-17. (1) Upon completion of residency, a participant
202 in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program must
203 proceed to enter the practice of medicine in a rural or
204 underserved area in Mississippi, as defined by the commission and
205 consistent with generally acceptable designations. If an area
206 experiences significant changes in its medical or general
207 community which are not reflected by health professional shortage
208 area (HPSA) or medically underserved area (MUA) rural designation,
209 the commission may receive testimony and, in its discretion, may
210 qualify the area as an underserved or rural area to allow the
211 program participant to fulfill his or her practice obligation.



212 (2) Upon entering the practice of medicine, a participant in
213 the program must serve in a health professional shortage area
214 (HPSA), medically underserved area (MUA), or rural area otherwise
215 approved for practice under subsection (1) of this section for a
216 number of years which corresponds to the number of years, not to
217 exceed five (5), for which the participant received funding
218 through the program. A participant who completes residency * * *
219 who fails to enter the practice of medicine as required under this
220 section shall be deemed in breach of contract and shall be liable
221 for the immediate repayment of all financial assistance provided
222 to the participant through the Mississippi Rural Physicians
223 Scholarship Program, including assistance provided during
224 undergraduate school, as well as in medical or osteopathic school,
225 along with other penalties that may be prescribed in policy by the
226 board. Any participant who fails to complete the period of
227 practice for which he or she is obligated to provide services in a
228 health professional shortage area (HPSA) or a medically
229 underserved area (MUA) in exchange for financial assistance
230 received through the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship
231 Program shall be liable for the repayment of all financial
232 assistance provided to the participant through the program, along
233 with other penalties that may be prescribed by the commission, an
234 amount which shall be reduced on a pro rata basis for actual years
235 of practice by the physician in the area designated by the
236 commission.



237 **SECTION 7.** Section 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
238 amended as follows:

239 37-146-1. There is established the Mississippi Rural
240 Dentists Scholarship Program for the purpose of identifying and
241 recruiting qualified university and college students * * * for
242 dental school matriculation. The program shall consist of three
243 (3) distinct phases through which participants will progress,
244 including:

- 245 (a) Undergraduate pre-dental education;
- 246 (b) Dental school and residency; and
- 247 (c) Initial entry into dental practice in a rural or
248 underserved area of the State of Mississippi.

249 **SECTION 8.** Section 37-146-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
250 amended as follows:

251 37-146-5. The Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship
252 Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 253 (a) Developing the administrative policy for the
254 commission and the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program;
- 255 (b) Promulgating rules and regulations, with the advice
256 and consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center,
257 pertaining to the implementation and operation of the Rural
258 Dentists Scholarship Program;
- 259 (c) Developing and implementing strategies and
260 activities for the identification and recruitment of students and
261 for marketing the program and for the implementation of the



262 program. In developing these strategies, the board shall seek the
263 input of various organizations and entities;

264 (d) Establishing a budget, with the advice and consent
265 of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, to support the
266 activities of the program and periodically reviewing and if
267 appropriate, revising, the scholarship and other stipends offered
268 through the program;

269 (e) Advising the University of Mississippi Medical
270 Center regarding hiring appropriate staff necessary to work in
271 conjunction with the Executive Director of the Mississippi Rural
272 Physicians Scholarship Program;

273 (f) Reviewing participants' progress in the program and
274 mentoring students and dentists participating in the program;

275 (g) The commission shall have the authority through use
276 of generally applicable definitions, to designate an area of the
277 state as underserved or rural. The method by which these
278 designations shall be made shall be contained in rules and
279 regulations promulgated by the commission.

280 (h) The commission shall produce an annual report to
281 the Legislature showing certain information relating to the
282 program for the previous fiscal year, including the following:

283 (i) Budget, including funds provided in addition
284 to Legislative appropriations;

285 (ii) The number of participants enrolled in dental
286 school along with their matriculation status;



287 (iii) The status of, to include location or
288 practice, participants who have entered a dental residency
289 program;

290 (iv) The number and cause of participants who
291 breached their obligation(s) to the program; and

292 (v) The status of, to include location of
293 practice, participants who have entered into the practice of
294 dentistry in a rural or medically underserved area in Mississippi.

295 **SECTION 9.** Section 37-146-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
296 brought forward as follows:

297 37-146-7. (1) The commission shall develop and implement
298 policies and procedures designed to recruit, identify and enroll
299 undergraduate students who demonstrate necessary interest,
300 commitment, aptitude and academic achievement to pursue careers as
301 dentists in rural or dentally underserved areas of Mississippi,
302 and to develop and implement the programs designed to foster
303 successful entry of participants into dental school, completion of
304 dental school, and establishment and maintenance of a career in
305 dentistry in a rural or underserved area of Mississippi.

306 (2) The commission shall have the authority through use of
307 generally applicable definitions, to designate an area of the
308 state as underserved or rural.

309 (3) The commission, in conjunction with the University of
310 Mississippi Medical Center, shall have the authority to provide
311 students selected for scholarship funding with faculty mentors and



312 other programs designed to enhance the students' likelihood of
313 admission to the dental school. The commission and the University
314 of Mississippi Medical Center will develop coursework that will
315 help provide scholarship students with the skills necessary for
316 sustained and successful dental practice in rural Mississippi.

317 (4) Each applicant for admission to the program must submit
318 an application to the commission that conforms to requirements
319 established by the commission.

320 (5) In selecting participants for the program, the board may
321 only accept an applicant if his or her academic record and other
322 characteristics, if given consideration by the University of
323 Mississippi School of Dentistry Admissions Committee, would be
324 considered credible and competitive.

325 (6) An applicant for the program may be admitted only upon a
326 majority vote of the members of the commission.

327 (7) Up to three (3) students will be admitted to the
328 Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program each year.

329 **SECTION 10.** Section 37-146-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
330 amended as follows:

331 37-146-11. (1) Students in the program may apply to
332 the * * * University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

333 (2) Students in the program seeking admission to the
334 University of Mississippi School of Dentistry shall be eligible
335 for the admissions process pursuant to criteria established by the



336 School of Dentistry Admissions Committee which will include
337 consideration of the attributes of participation in the program.

338 (3) In carrying out the admissions process developed for the
339 Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program participants under
340 this section, the goal is for the program to work with the School
341 of Dentistry to enhance the capability of participants to
342 successfully enter and complete dental school and enter practice
343 in rural or underserved areas in Mississippi. To the extent
344 feasible, the early admissions process should be completed before
345 December 1 of the year preceding a student's admission to dental
346 school.

347 **SECTION 11.** Section 37-146-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
348 brought forward as follows:

349 37-146-13. (1) Subject to the availability of funding,
350 students in the program who successfully matriculate to dental
351 school are eligible for ongoing financial support in accordance
352 with policies and requirements of the commission and in accordance
353 with the applicable laws and regulations. The number of students
354 to be supported at the University of Mississippi School of
355 Dentistry and at other schools will be established by policy
356 prescribed by the commission.

357 (2) Subject to the availability of funding, students
358 enrolled at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry may
359 receive tuition support, funding to assist with the cost of books
360 and a living stipend, as prescribed by policy of the commission



361 and in accordance with applicable regulations. Preferences for
362 ongoing funding must be given to those students admitted to the
363 University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

364 (3) For each year that a student in dental school receives
365 financial assistance, the student is obligated for one (1) year of
366 practice as a dentist in a rural or underserved area in
367 Mississippi. Breach of the agreement at any stage of training
368 shall invoke the repayment of all financial assistance provided to
369 the student through the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship
370 Program along with other penalties that may be prescribed in
371 policy by the commission.

372 **SECTION 12.** Section 37-146-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
373 brought forward as follows:

374 37-146-17. (1) Upon completion of dental school and/or a
375 dental residency program approved by the commission, a participant
376 in the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program must proceed
377 to enter the full-time practice of dentistry in a rural or
378 underserved area in Mississippi, as defined by the commission and
379 consistent with generally acceptable designations. If an area
380 experiences significant changes in its dental or general community
381 which are not reflected by dental health professional shortage
382 area (HPSA), the commission may receive testimony and, in its
383 discretion, may qualify the area as a dentally underserved or
384 rural area to allow the program participant to fulfill his or her
385 practice obligation.



386 (2) Upon entering the practice of dentistry, a participant
387 in the program must serve in a dental health professional shortage
388 area (HPSA) or rural area otherwise approved for practice under
389 subsection (1) of this section for a number of years which
390 corresponds to the number of years, not to exceed five (5), for
391 which the participant received funding through the program. Any
392 participant who fails to complete the period of practice for which
393 he or she is obligated to provide services in a dental health
394 professional shortage area (HPSA) or rural area in exchange for
395 financial assistance received through the Mississippi Rural
396 Dentists Scholarship Program shall be liable for the repayment of
397 all financial assistance provided to the participant through the
398 program, along with other penalties that may be prescribed by the
399 commission, an amount which shall be reduced on a pro rata basis
400 for actual years of practice by the dentist in the area designated
401 by the commission.

402 **SECTION 13.** Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
403 amended as follows:

404 37-144-3. (1) The Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship
405 Program shall be administered by a commission to be known as the
406 "Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission." The
407 commission shall be directed by a board composed of the following
408 members:

409 (a) Two (2) generalist physicians appointed by and from
410 the membership of the Mississippi State Medical Association, the



411 term of which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for
412 one (1) additional term;

413 (b) One (1) generalist physician appointed by and from
414 the membership of each of the following organizations, the term of
415 which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for one (1)
416 additional term:

417 (i) Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians;

418 (ii) Mississippi Chapter, American College of
419 Physicians;

420 (iii) Mississippi Chapter, American Academy of
421 Pediatrics;

422 (iv) Mississippi Chapter, American College of
423 OB-GYN;

424 (v) Mississippi Psychiatric Association;

425 (* * *vi) Mississippi Medical and Surgical
426 Association;

427 (* * *vii) Mississippi Osteopathic Association;

428 (c) Two (2) designees of the Dean of the University of
429 Mississippi School of Medicine whose terms are at the discretion
430 of the dean, at least one (1) of whom is a member of the
431 University of Mississippi School of Medicine Admissions Committee;

432 (d) Two (2) medical students, one (1) of whom shall be
433 selected yearly through a process developed by the Dean of the
434 School of Medicine in consultation with the Chairs of the
435 Departments of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB-GYN and



436 Pediatrics, and one (1) of whom shall be nominated for a one-year
437 term by the Mississippi Chapter of the Student National Medical
438 Association and approved by the Dean of the University of
439 Mississippi School of Medicine;

440 (e) A member of the Board of Trustees of State
441 Institutions of Higher Learning;

442 (f) The Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at
443 the University of Mississippi School of Medicine; and

444 (g) A licensed psychiatrist appointed by the
445 Mississippi Chapter of the American Psychiatric Association.

446 (2) The premedical advisors from the accredited four-year
447 colleges and universities in the state and the directors or
448 designees of the primary care generalist training programs in the
449 State of Mississippi shall comprise an advisory committee to the
450 commission to assist the commission in its administration of the
451 Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program.

452 (3) Vacancies on the commission must be filled in a manner
453 consistent with the original appointments.

454 (4) All appointments to the commission must be made no later
455 than September 1, * * * 2024. After the members are appointed,
456 the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine shall set a date
457 for the organizational meeting that is mutually acceptable to the
458 majority of the commission members. The organizational meeting
459 shall be for the purposes of organizing the commission and
460 establishing rules for transacting its business. A majority of



461 the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum at all
462 commission meetings. An affirmative vote of a majority of the
463 members present and voting shall be required in the adoption of
464 rules, reports and in any other actions taken by the commission.
465 At the organizational meeting, the commission shall elect a chair
466 and vice chair from the members appointed according to paragraphs
467 (a) through (d) of subsection (1). The chair shall serve for a
468 term of two (2) years, upon the expiration of which the vice chair
469 shall assume the office of chair.

470 (5) After the organizational meeting, the commission shall
471 hold no less than two (2) meetings annually.

472 (6) The commission may form an executive committee for the
473 purpose of transacting business that must be conducted before the
474 next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. All actions
475 taken by the executive committee must be ratified by the
476 commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

477 (7) Members of the commission shall serve without
478 compensation but may be reimbursed, subject to the availability of
479 funding, for mileage and actual and necessary expenses incurred in
480 attending meetings of the commission.

481 (8) Funding for the establishment and continued operation of
482 the program and commission shall be appropriated out of any money
483 in the General Fund not already appropriated to the University of
484 Mississippi Medical Center.



485 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
486 and after July 1, 2024.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS
3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE STATE;
4 TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A
5 BOARD-CERTIFIED CHILD PSYCHIATRIST AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI
6 RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION
7 37-144-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI
8 RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL
9 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDING CERTAIN STATISTICS; TO INCLUDE
10 THE MISSISSIPPI PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS
11 FROM WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL SEEK INPUT REGARDING THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP
13 PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
14 INCLUDE CHILD PSYCHIATRY STUDENTS IN THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL
15 PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP RESIDENCY PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTIONS
16 37-144-13 AND 37-144-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE CERTAIN
17 TECHNICAL CONFORMING REVISIONS THERETO; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS
18 37-144-7 AND 37-144-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE
19 OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE
20 OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL
21 DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF
22 THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
23 REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION TO
24 PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDING VARIOUS
25 STATISTICS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
26 TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL REVISIONS THERETO; TO BRING FORWARD
27 SECTIONS 37-146-7, 37-146-13 AND 37-146-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
28 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED
29 PURPOSES.

