COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Pass/Fail: Pass

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Remarks:

CAPITALS mean language added to the law
[Brackets} mean language deleted from the law.

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Chapter No.: 190

Introduced By: Charles County Commissioners

Date of Introduction: February 7, 2012

BILL

AN ACT concerning

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FOR the purpose of

Correcting and updating regulations concerning the County Nursing Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Chapter 190 -- Nursing Scholarship Program

Section 190-1

Code of Charles County, Maryland

(1994 Edition, 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES

COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

CHAPTER 190

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Section 190-1. Legislative authority; administration.

A. A scholarship program is authorized by Chapter 114 of the Code of Public

Local Laws of Charles County for courses of study leading to a certificate, diploma or other evidence of qualification to practice on completion of specialized training in categories as defined in these guidelines.

B. The Scholarship program is administered by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, through the Clerk to the County Commissioners. The Charles County Scholarship Committee, as defined herein, shall be an advisory and recommending agency.

C. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, MAY APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND OR OTHER APPROPRIATE NON-PROFIT AGENCY TO ADMINISTER SOME OR ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM IN LIEU OF THE ADMINSTRATIVE PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITES OUTLINED IN THIS CHAPTER. SUCH MOU MAY OUTLINE DIFFERENT ELIGIBILITY, STUDY AREA, FUND USE, AND AWARD CRITERIA, AS WELL AS OTHER ADMINSTRATIVE POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Section 190-2. Eligibility

Scholarships may be awarded by the County Commissioners to an individual who is a Charles County resident, makes application for a scholarship in accordance with these guidelines and whose application is reviewed and favorably recommended by the Charles County Scholarship Committee.

Section 190-3. Study areas and fund use.

A. Scholarships may be provided for study in the following areas:

(1) Nursing.

(2) X-ray technician.

(3) Laboratory technician.

(4) Physical therapist.

(5) Occupational therapist.

(6) Respiratory therapist.

(7) Speech therapist.

B. Scholarships will be awarded subject to funding made available by the County Commissioners for this purpose.

C. Scholarship funds may be used toward tuition, books, lab fees and registration fees.

D. Scholarships may be awarded for study at any accredited institution located within Maryland, Virginia or Washington, DC, which offers courses of instruction in the scholarship recipient's field.

Section 190-4. Charles County Scholarship Committee.

A. Composition. The County Commissioners shall appoint five (5) individuals to comprise the Charles County Scholarship Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of a doctor of medicine, an educator, a nurse and two (2) other individuals as determined by the County Commissioners.

B. Terms. Each Committee member shall be appointed to a four-year term; provided, however, that the terms of three (3) of the initially appointed members shall be for one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, respectively, so as to provide for staggered terms.

C. Duties. The Committee shall review applications for scholarships and make recommendations to the County Commissioners with regard to each application. Application shall be considered on the basis of demonstrated aptitude, interest, ability, financial need and the community's projected need for individuals with the requested training.

D. Funding. The amount of each scholarship shall be recommended by the Scholarship Committee to the County Commissioners.

Section 190-5. Applications for scholarships.

A. All applicants to whom a scholarship is awarded by the County Commissioners shall furnish a surety bond to the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland,

in

such amount and with such surety as the Commissioners may determine.

(1) The condition of said surety bond shall be that the applicant, provided that he or

she complete the course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, practices

in his or her field in Charles County for a period of time that equates to not less

than two (2) years of full-time employment following completion of such course

of study.

(2) This practice shall be at [Physicians Memorial Hospital] CIVISTA MEDICAL

CENTER, the Charles County Nursing Home or the Charles County Health

Department.

B. Applications for scholarships must be received by the Clerk to the County Commissioners by April 30 of each year for the following school year.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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ATTEST:

Denise Ferguson, Clerk to the Commissioners

NOTICE
Enactment of Bill 2012-03

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Charles County Commissioners enacted Bill 2012-03, Nursing Scholarship Program on March 20, 2012. The Bill corrects and updates regulations concerning the County Nursing Scholarship Program. Bill 2012-03 becomes effective on May 4, 2012.

Please publish in the Maryland Independent 3 times

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