

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 845

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**  
5 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-  
7 FAIRS HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PRO-  
8 GRAM.—Section 7619 of title 38, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking “December 31, 2014” and inserting  
2 “December 31, 2019”.

3 (b) REPEAL OF CAP ON AMOUNT OF EDUCATION  
4 DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF  
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATION DEBT REDUCTION PRO-  
6 GRAM.—Subsection (d) of section 7683 of such title is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(d) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The total amount payable  
9 to a participant in the Education Debt Reduction Pro-  
10 gram for any year may not exceed the amount of the prin-  
11 cipal and interest on loans referred to in subsection (a)  
12 that is paid by the individual during such year.”.

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