

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6134

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a veterinary internship or residency program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2020

Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Mr. YOHO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Veterinary Education
5 and Training Minimizes Educational Debt Act” or the
6 “VET MED Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFERMENT DURING A VETERINARY INTERNSHIP**
2 **OR RESIDENCY PROGRAM.**

3 Section 455(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

6 (A) in clause (i), by striking “; or”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 clause:

9 “(iii) any loan made under this part
10 to a borrower who meets the requirements
11 described in subparagraph (E) of para-
12 graph (2); or”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (C), in the matter fol-
15 lowing clause (ii), by striking “or” after the
16 semicolon;

17 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
18 period and inserting “; or”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
20 subparagraph:

21 “(E) not in excess of 5 years, during which
22 the borrower is—

23 “(i) enrolled in a post-graduate train-
24 ing program for veterinarians designed to
25 develop advanced levels of veterinary com-
26 petency; or

1 “(ii) serving in a veterinary internship
2 or residency, as such terms are defined by
3 the American Veterinary Medical Associa-
4 tion.”.

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