

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6968

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to give marriage and family therapists participating in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program the option of completing a postgraduate degree clinical training program that is accredited by the State in which the program is located in lieu of such a program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2024

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bringing More Thera-
3 pists to the Valley Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR**
5 **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS PAR-**
6 **TICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERV-**
7 **ICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

8 In issuing or updating guidance for the National
9 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program under
10 section 338B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 254l–1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
12 acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources
13 and Services Administration, shall give participants who
14 are marriage and family therapists the option of com-
15 pleting a postgraduate degree clinical training program in
16 marriage and family therapy that is accredited by the
17 State in which the program is located in lieu of such a
18 program that is accredited by the Commission on Accredi-
19 tation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

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