

HB 2036 -- TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PHYSICIANS

SPONSOR: Patterson

Beginning January 1, 2021, this bill creates a tax credit for any community-based faculty preceptor, as defined in the bill, who serves as the community-based faculty preceptor for a medical student core preceptorship or a physician assistant student core preceptorship, as defined in the bill. The amount of the tax credit will be worth \$1000 for each preceptorship, up to a maximum of \$3000 per tax year, if he or she completes up to three preceptorship rotations during the tax year and did not receive any direct compensation for the preceptorships. To receive the credit, a community-based faculty preceptor must claim the credit on his or her return for the tax year in which he or she completes the preceptorship rotations and must submit supporting documentation as prescribed by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

This tax credit is nonrefundable, cannot be carried forward or carried back, transferred, assigned or sold. No more than 200 preceptorship tax credits will be authorized for any one calendar year and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, capped at a total amount of \$200,000 per year. However, to the greatest extent possible, community-based faculty preceptors who provide preceptorships in rural areas of Missouri will be given first priority for awards of the tax credit.

Additionally, this bill creates a "Medical Preceptor Fund" which is funded from a license fee increase of \$7 per license for physicians and surgeons and from a license fee increase of \$3 per license for physician assistants. This will be a dedicated fund designed to fund additional tax credits that may exceed the established cap of \$200,000 per year.

The Division of Professional Registration will administer the tax credit and each taxpayer claiming a tax credit must file an affidavit with his or her income tax return, affirming that he or she is eligible for the tax credit. Additionally, the Department of Commerce and Insurance and the Department of Revenue will jointly promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this bill.