



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a personal income tax deduction for a physician based on the number of hours the physician provides uncompensated medical services through a hospital, free clinic, or nongovernmental medical organization.
 - Sunsets the deduction after six years (2018 through 2023).
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Deduction for uncompensated medical services

The bill authorizes a personal income tax deduction for licensed physicians that provide uncompensated medical services through or on behalf of a hospital, free clinic, or medical mission organization (i.e., a nonprofit nongovernmental organization whose activities consist of organizing and supporting medical professionals and providing medical care to persons in distress or victims of armed conflict or natural or man-made disasters). The deduction would be available only for taxable years beginning in 2018 through 2023.¹

The amount of the deduction would equal \$125 for each hour of medical services provided, excluding any hours for which the physician was compensated or reimbursed. The maximum deduction for each tax year would be \$10,000.² A physician claiming the deduction would be required to submit, along with their tax return, a

¹ R.C. 5747.01(A)(33) and 5747.014(A)(4).

² R.C. 5747.014(B).

written statement from the hospital, free clinic, or medical mission organization confirming the number of uncompensated hours worked.³

The bill defines physician as an individual licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.⁴ One implication of this definition is that the deduction would be available only to the physician themselves. A medical practice organized as a pass-through entity or a sole proprietorship could not claim the deduction in place of the physician that provided the medical care.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	08-07-17

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³ R.C. 5747.014(C).

⁴ R.C. 5747.014(A)(1).

