

**HB3216**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

**HB3216**

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Wayne A Rosenthal

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

35 ILCS 5/246 new

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for qualified physicians who work in hospitals, health clinics, or independently and who work in underserved areas or in rural counties or rural municipalities. Provides that the credit shall be in the amount of \$5,000. Effective immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

1                   AN ACT concerning revenue.

2                   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3                   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4                   Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by  
5                   adding Section 246 as follows:

6                   (35 ILCS 5/246 new)

7                   Sec. 246. Physicians in underserved and rural areas  
8                   credit.

9                   (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,  
10                   2026, an individual taxpayer who is a qualified physician  
11                   shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by  
12                   subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 in the amount of \$5,000.

13                   (b) The credit or credits may not reduce the taxpayer's  
14                   liability to less than zero. If the amount of the tax credit  
15                   exceeds the taxpayer's liability for the year, the excess may  
16                   not be carried forward or carried back.

17                   (c) As used in this Section:

18                   "Good standing" means that the Illinois State Medical  
19                   Board has not taken any adverse disciplinary action against  
20                   the person at any time and that the person has had no more than  
21                   3 medical malpractice judgments or settlements in the 4 years  
22                   immediately preceding the taxable year in which the person is  
23                   seeking the credit.

1       "Independent physician" means an independent physician, as  
2       defined in the Hospital Licensing Act.

3       "Qualified physician" means a person who is licensed to  
4       practice medicine in all of its branches under the Medical  
5       Practice Act of 1987 and who, during the taxable year:

- 6       (1) is in good standing;
- 7       (2) works as a physician at a hospital, health clinic,  
8       or as an independent physician and works:
  - 9       (A) in an area classified as an underserved area,  
10       as defined in Section 5-5 of the Economic Development  
11       for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act; or
  - 12       (B) in a rural county or a rural municipality; and
  - 13       (3) provides health care services during the taxable  
14       year to at least 10 patients.

15       "Rural county" means a county that is defined by the  
16       Department of Public Health's Center for Rural Health as a  
17       rural county and that is either outside of a metropolitan area  
18       or part of a metropolitan area with a population of fewer than  
19       60,000 persons.

20       "Rural municipality" means a municipality with a  
21       population of 5,000 or less.

22       (d) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section  
23       250.

24       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25       becoming law.