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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________________

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Section 455(m)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) FULL-TIME PROFESSIONALS ENGAGED IN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OCCUPATIONS.—The term ‘full-time professionals engaged in health care practitioner occupations’ includes an individual who—

“(i) has a full-time job as a health care practitioner;

“(ii) provides medical services in such full-time job at a nonprofit hospital or public hospital or other nonprofit or public health care facility; and

“(iii) is prohibited from being employed directly by such hospital or other health care facility by State law.”.