

## CHAPTER 637

(Senate Bill 667)

AN ACT to add new Section 284J to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", to follow immediately after Section 284-I thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Chapter 27C. Medical Scholarships"; providing generally for the award of scholarships by the State Scholarship Board for the study of medicine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 284J be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", to follow immediately after Section 284-I thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Chapter 27C. Medical Scholarships", and to read as follows:

*284J. Chapter 27C. Medical Scholarships.*

(a) *As used in this section, "School of Medicine" means the school of medicine of the University of Maryland at Baltimore or where the same may hereafter be located. "Area of need" means a geographical area within this State which the State Department of health, in consultation with THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND AND OTHER professional groups, determines from time to time to have an acute need for general practitioners of medicine.*

(b) *In addition to any other scholarships that may be awarded or provided for under other provisions of this article, there shall be a program for scholarships to the School of Medicine, for the courses of study leading to the degree of the Doctor of Medicine.*

(c) *Eligibility for a scholarship under this section shall be limited to persons (1) who have been residents of Maryland for at least five (5) years preceding an award for such a scholarship, (2) who have or expect to receive within the academic year of application a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning within or without the State of Maryland, (3) whose financial needs and resources meet the requirements therefore as determined by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Scholarship Board, which shall be so prepared and applied as to assure that a definite financial need shall be a prerequisite to receiving a scholarship under this section, (4) and who furnish a surety bond to the State of Maryland, in such amount and with such security as may be determined by the State Scholarship Board, the condition of which bond is that the applicant, provided he receives the M.D. degree shall, following a desired period of internship and residency, engage in the general practice of medicine in an area of need for a period equal to the period for which the scholarship was received. OF NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) YEARS.*

(d) *Each year, the State Scholarship Board shall cause the availability and conditions of scholarships under this section to be made known at colleges and universities both within and without this State. Applicants therefor shall submit an application in form prepared by the State Scholarship Board which shall demonstrate the*