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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, physicians who practice  
9 and reside in certain rural areas of the state may  
10 claim a \$5,000 income tax credit for a limited  
11 number of tax years.

12 This bill would grant the same tax credit to  
13 rural nurse practitioners.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to taxation; to grant a \$5,000 income tax  
20 credit to certain rural certified registered nurse  
21 practitioners.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
24 following terms shall have the following meanings:

25 (1) RURAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER  
26 (CRNP). A registered nurse who has been certified by the Board  
27 of Nursing to engage in the practice of advanced practice

1 nursing in the state as a CRNP and who practices and resides  
2 in a small or rural community.

3 (2) SMALL OR RURAL COMMUNITY. A community in Alabama  
4 that has less than 25,000 residents according to the latest  
5 decennial census and has a hospital with an emergency room.

6 (3) SMALL OR RURAL HOSPITAL. An acute care hospital  
7 that meets one of the following requirements:

8 a. Contains less than 105 beds and is located more  
9 than 20 miles, under normal travel conditions, from another  
10 acute care hospital located in Alabama.

11 b. Receives Medicare rural reimbursement from the  
12 federal government.

13 (b) Commencing with the 2018 tax year, a person  
14 qualifying as a rural CRNP shall be allowed a credit against  
15 the tax imposed by Section 40-18-2, Code of Alabama 1975, in  
16 the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). No credit shall be  
17 allowed to a rural CRNP who, on the effective date of this  
18 section, is practicing in a small or rural community. No  
19 credit shall be allowed to a rural CRNP who has previously  
20 practiced in a small or rural community unless, after the  
21 effective date of this section, that rural CRNP returns to  
22 practice in a small or rural community after having practiced  
23 in a large or urban community for at least three years. The  
24 tax credit may be claimed for not more than five consecutive  
25 tax years. The Department of Revenue shall promulgate any  
26 rules necessary to implement and administer this act.

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2 first day of the third month following its passage and  
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.