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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing free spaying and neutering services in lieu of self-instructional course work for continuing education requirements for veterinarians

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6704-a of the education law, as  
2     added by chapter 328 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
3     2. During each triennial registration period an applicant for regis-  
4     tration shall complete a minimum of forty-five hours of acceptable  
5     formal continuing education, a maximum of twenty-two and one-half hours  
6     of which may be self-instructional coursework acceptable to the depart-  
7     ment OR IN LIEU OF SUCH SELF-INSTRUCTIONAL COURSEWORK, THE APPLICANT MAY  
8     PROVIDE FREE SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MUNI-  
9     CIPALITY, DULY INCORPORATED NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
10    CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, OR DULY INCORPO-  
11    RATED ANIMAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT A FORMU-  
12    LA PROVIDING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING PROCEDURES THAT  
13    SHALL BE DEEMED THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE HOUR OF CONTINUING VETERINARY  
14    EDUCATION. Any veterinarian whose first registration date following the  
15    effective date of this section occurs less than three years from such  
16    effective date, but on or after January first, two thousand twelve,  
17    shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the  
18    rate of one and one-quarter hours per month for the period beginning  
19    January first, two thousand twelve up to the first registration date  
20    thereafter. A licensee who has not satisfied the mandatory continuing  
21    education requirements shall not be issued a triennial registration  
22    certificate by the department and shall not practice unless and until a  
23    conditional registration certificate is issued as provided in subdivi-  
24    sion three of this section, or until he or she has otherwise met the  
25    requirements of this section. The individual licensee shall determine  
26    the selection of courses or programs of study pursuant to subdivision  
27    four of this section.  
28    S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
29    have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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