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Introduced by Sens. GOLDEN, OPPENHEIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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. (A) During each triennial registration period an applicant for  
4     registration 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 department.  
7     ment.

8     (I) SELF-INSTRUCTIONAL COURSEWORK MAY INCLUDE FREE SPAYING AND NEUTERING  
9     SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MUNICIPALITY, DULY INCORPORATED NOT-  
10    FOR-PROFIT SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, DULY INCOR-  
11    PORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, OR DULY INCORPORATED ANIMAL PROTECTION  
12    ASSOCIATION PROVIDED THAT SUCH SERVICES BE ADMINISTERED AT PRACTICES,  
13    FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SEVEN  
14    HUNDRED SIX OF THIS ARTICLE.

15    (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY OFFSET UP TO THREE HOURS OF THE REQUISITE  
16    NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH  
17    BY THE NUMBER OF FREE SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES RENDERED BY  
18    AN APPLICANT, AT A RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
19    FOR EACH HOUR OF FREE SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT A  
20    VETERINARIAN SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CORE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED  
21    BY THE DEPARTMENT.

22    (III) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REDUCE, IN PART, AN APPLICATION BY A LICENSEE  
23    TO OFFSET CREDITS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH IF  
24    THE DEPARTMENT FINDS, IN ITS DISCRETION, THAT THE APPLICANT REQUIRES  
25    FORMAL CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE PROFESSIONAL

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

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1 COMPETENCE, OR MAY DENY ALL APPLICATIONS IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT  
2 FORMAL CONTINUING EDUCATION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN  
3 SCIENCE OR TECHNOLOGY.

4 (B) Any veterinarian whose first registration date following the  
5 effective date of this section occurs less than three years from such  
6 effective date, but on or after January first, two thousand twelve,  
7 shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the  
8 rate of one and one-quarter hours per month for the period beginning  
9 January first, two thousand twelve up to the first registration date  
10 thereafter. A licensee who has not satisfied the mandatory continuing  
11 education requirements shall not be issued a triennial registration  
12 certificate by the department and shall not practice unless and until a  
13 conditional registration certificate is issued as provided in subdivi-  
14 sion three of this section, or until he or she has otherwise met the  
15 requirements of this section. The individual licensee shall determine  
16 the selection of courses or programs of study pursuant to subdivision  
17 four of this section.

18 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
19 have become a law.