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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- 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 certification as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS)

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6911  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 6911. CERTIFICATION AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS). 1. FOR  
4     ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST  
5     UNDER SECTION SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, THE APPLI-  
6     CANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

7        (A) FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

8        (B) BE LICENSED AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THIS STATE;

9        (C) (I) HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGIS-  
10     TERED BY THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE, OR A  
11     POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE FROM A PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT  
12     WHICH PREPARES GRADUATES TO PRACTICE AS CNSS AND WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY  
13     A NATIONAL NURSING ACCREDITED BODY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND  
14     (II) MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PRAC-  
15     TICE AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, OR (III) HAVE RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL  
16     PREPARATION DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE THE SUBSTANTIAL EQUIV-  
17     ALENT OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

18        (D) PAY A FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH INITIAL  
19     CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE AND A TRIEN-  
20     NIAL REGISTRATION FEE OF THIRTY DOLLARS. REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION  
21     SHALL BE COTERMINOUS WITH THE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST'S REGISTRATION  
22     AS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE.

23     2. ONLY A PERSON CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL USE THE TITLE  
24     "CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST" OR THE DESIGNATION "CNS".

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

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1     S 2. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any act or practice  
2 authorized by any other law, rule, regulation or certification. The  
3 provisions of this act shall not apply to any activity authorized,  
4 pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, to be performed by a registered  
5 professional nurse in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of  
6 the public health law.  
7     S 3. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate all  
8 rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.  
9     S 4. This act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day  
10 after it shall have become a law.