

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 16, 2020

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for unlicensed individuals to collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens and to perform certain nursing tasks during a state of disaster emergency

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 6526 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

3 11. Any person in a declared state of disaster emergency, pursuant to
4 section twenty-eight of the executive law, shall be permitted, upon
5 completion of training deemed adequate by the commissioner of health, to
6 collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals
7 suspected of being infected by an infectious disease, for purposes of
8 testing.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 6908 of the education law is amended by
10 adding a new paragraph i to read as follows:

11 i. As prohibiting in a declared state of disaster emergency, pursuant
12 to section twenty-eight of the executive law, to the extent necessary,
13 non-nursing staff, upon completion of training deemed adequate by the
14 commissioner of health, to perform tasks, under the supervision of a
15 nurse, otherwise limited to the scope of practice of a licensed or
16 registered nurse.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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