

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 28, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, SIMON, McDONALD, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to physician coursework or training in nutrition

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 264 to read as follows:

3 § 264. Provision of information related to coursework and training in  
4 nutrition. 1. The department shall develop, maintain, and distribute to  
5 licensed physicians in the state a resource library related to continu-  
6 ing medical education courses and training opportunities regarding  
7 nutrition, which may include but not be limited to plant-based nutri-  
8 tion, clinically proven methods for the prevention, reversal, and treat-  
9 ment of diet-related illnesses, and informational resources regarding  
10 racial disparities in outcomes for diet-related diseases.

11 2. The resource library shall be made publicly available on the  
12 department's website, and shall be updated and redistributed no less  
13 frequently than every two years via email.

14 3. In compiling such resources, the department shall consult with  
15 organizations representative of professions, institutions of higher  
16 education, and those with expertise in nutrition and the prevention,  
17 reversal, and treatment of diet-related illnesses.

18 4. The department shall conduct a follow-up survey three years after  
19 the first distribution of the resource library to ascertain what propor-  
20 tion of physicians in the state voluntarily enrolled in nutrition  
21 continuing medical education courses and trainings to determine best  
22 practices for delivering information about the availability of such  
23 courses and trainings. The department shall make a report on the results  
24 of such survey available to the public on the department's website.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2024.

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

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