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Introduced by M. of A. K. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction as a part of the health education curriculum in all senior high schools

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

Section 1. Section 804-c of the education law, as added by chapter 269 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

§ 804-c. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction. 1. Instructions regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation [~~may~~] **shall** be offered for voluntary admission as a part of the health education curriculum in all senior high schools. In addition to the requirement that all teachers of health education shall be certified to teach health, persons instructing pupils in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall possess valid certification by an agency offering such certification in the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in its instruction.

2. The commissioner may prescribe regulations governing such health education courses which shall include instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such regulations shall in no event prescribe a course of study in cardiopulmonary resuscitation which sets forth standards for instruction of a lesser quality than the requirements of the programs adopted by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

3. School authorities [~~that choose to offer such course~~] shall provide the needed facilities, time and place for the instruction set forth herein and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials to support such course of study.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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