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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a temporary practice authorization pilot program for certain medical and dental professionals to practice in underserved areas; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 6907 of the education law, as amended by chapter
2 994 of the laws of 1971 and as renumbered by chapter 50 of the laws of
3 1972, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 315 of the laws of 1981,
4 subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989 and subdivi-
5 sion 5 as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read
6 as follows:
7 § 6907. Limited permits. 1. Graduate nurses. (a) A permit to practice
8 as a registered professional nurse or a permit to practice as a licensed
9 practical nurse may be issued by the department upon the filing of an
10 application for a license as a registered professional nurse or as a
11 licensed practical nurse and submission of such other information as the
12 department may require to (i) graduates of schools of nursing registered
13 by the department, (ii) graduates of schools of nursing approved in
14 another state, province, or country or (iii) applicants for a license in
15 practical nursing whose preparation is determined by the department to
16 be the equivalent of that required in this state.
17 [~~2-~~] (b) Such limited permit shall expire one year from the date of
18 issuance or upon notice to the applicant by the department that the
19 application for license has been denied, or ten days after notification
20 to the applicant of failure on the professional licensing examination,
21 whichever shall first occur. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions
22 of this [~~subdivision~~] paragraph, if the applicant is waiting the result
23 of a licensing examination at the time such limited permit expires, such

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

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1 permit shall continue to be valid until ten days after notification to
2 the applicant of the results of such examination.

3 ~~[3.]~~ (c) A limited permit shall entitle the holder to practice nursing
4 only under the supervision of a nurse currently registered in this state
5 and with the endorsement of the employing agency.

6 ~~[4.—Fees.]~~ (d) The fee for each limited permit shall be thirty-five
7 dollars.

8 ~~[5.]~~ (e) Graduates of schools of nursing registered by the department
9 may be employed to practice nursing under supervision of a professional
10 nurse currently registered in this state and with the endorsement of the
11 employing agency for ninety days immediately following graduation from a
12 program in nursing and pending receipt of a limited permit for which an
13 application has been filed as provided in this section.

14 2. Temporary practice authorization pilot program. (a) There is hereby
15 established a temporary practice authorization pilot program for the
16 purpose of allowing the temporary practice of registered professional
17 nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nurse practitioners in a county
18 or facility designated by the federal government as medically under-
19 served.

20 (b) Registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse. (i) A
21 person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another state
22 or territory of the United States to practice as a registered profes-
23 sional nurse or a licensed practical nurse may be temporarily authorized
24 to practice such licensed profession pursuant to this article pending a
25 determination on licensure for which an application has been filed
26 pursuant to this article, provided: (1) such applicant has obtained the
27 endorsement of an employing health care facility that is authorized to
28 provide professional nursing services; (2) the position is located with-
29 in a county or facility designated by the federal government as
30 medically underserved; and (3) the applicant is not employed by an
31 employment agency as defined in subdivision two of section one hundred
32 seventy-one of the general business law.

33 (ii) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and an authorized
34 representative of the employing facility shall jointly provide written
35 notice to the department, in a form and format acceptable to the depart-
36 ment that the applicant intends to practice in a county or facility
37 designated by the federal government as medically underserved and the
38 applicant shall pay a fee determined by the department. Such temporary
39 authorization shall be awarded immediately upon providing such notice
40 and paying such fee and shall expire in one hundred eighty days, or ten
41 days after notification that the applicant does not meet the qualifica-
42 tions for licensure as a registered professional nurse or licensed prac-
43 tical nurse, whichever shall occur first.

44 (c) Nurse Practitioner. (i) A person who is currently licensed and in
45 good standing in another state or territory of the United States to
46 practice as a nurse practitioner may be temporarily authorized to prac-
47 tice as a nurse practitioner under the supervision of a New York state
48 licensed physician pursuant to this article pending a determination on
49 licensure for which an application has been filed pursuant to this arti-
50 cle, provided: (1) such applicant has obtained the endorsement of an
51 employing health care facility that is authorized to provide nurse prac-
52 titioner services; (2) the position is located within a county or facil-
53 ity designated by the federal government as medically underserved; and
54 (3) the applicant is not employed by an employment agency as defined in
55 subdivision two of section one hundred seventy-one of the general busi-
56 ness law.

(ii) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and supervising physician of the employing facility shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a form and format acceptable to the department, that such applicant intends to practice in a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved and the applicant shall pay a fee determined by the department. Such temporary authorization shall be awarded immediately upon providing such notice and paying such fee and shall expire in one hundred eighty days, or ten days after notification that the applicant does not meet the qualifications for licensure as a nurse practitioner, whichever shall occur first.

§ 2. Section 6958 of the education law, as added by chapter 327 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6958. Limited permit. 1. Limited permit to practice midwifery. (a) A limited permit to practice midwifery may be granted for a period not to exceed twelve months to an individual who has to the satisfaction of the department met all the requirements of section sixty-nine hundred fifty-five of this article, but has not yet passed the examination required by subdivision three of such section.

~~2.~~ (b) A limited permit shall entitle the holder to practice midwifery only under the direct supervision of a licensed physician who is authorized under section sixty-nine hundred fifty-one of this article or a licensed midwife.

2. Temporary practice authorization pilot program. (a) There is hereby established a temporary practice authorization pilot program for the purpose of allowing the temporary practice of midwifery in a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved.

(b) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another state or territory of the United States to practice midwifery may be temporarily authorized to practice midwifery under the supervision of a New York state licensed physician pending a determination on licensure for which an application has been filed pursuant to this article, provided: (i) such applicant has obtained the endorsement of an employing health care facility that is authorized to provide midwifery services; (ii) the position is located within a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved; (iii) such applicant has received a degree in midwifery from a duly accredited graduate school located in the United States or Canada; and (iv) the applicant is not employed by an employment agency as defined in subdivision two of section one hundred seventy-one of the general business law.

(c) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and supervising physician shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a form and format acceptable to the department, that such applicant intends to practice in a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved and the applicant shall pay a fee determined by the department. Such temporary authorization shall be awarded immediately upon providing such notice and paying such fee and shall expire in one hundred eighty days or ten days after notification that the applicant does not meet the qualifications for licensure as a nurse-midwife, whichever shall occur first.

§ 3. Section 6525 of the education law, as added by chapter 987 of the laws of 1971, paragraph 1 of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 6525. Limited permits. 1. Physicians. Permits limited as to eligi-
2 bility, practice and duration, shall be issued by the department to
3 eligible applicants, as follows:

4 [~~1~~] (a) Eligibility[+]. The following persons shall be eligible for a
5 limited permit:

6 [~~1~~] (i) A person who fulfills all requirements for a license as a
7 physician except those relating to the examination and citizenship or
8 permanent residence in the United States;

9 [~~2~~] (ii) A foreign physician who holds a standard certificate from
10 the educational council for foreign medical graduates or who has passed
11 an examination satisfactory to the state board for medicine and in
12 accordance with the commissioner's regulations; or

13 [~~3~~] (iii) A foreign physician or a foreign intern who is in this
14 country on a non-immigration visa for the continuation of medical study,
15 pursuant to the exchange student program of the United States department
16 of state.

17 [~~2~~] (b) Limit of practice. A permittee shall be authorized to prac-
18 tice medicine only under the supervision of a licensed physician and
19 only in a public, voluntary, or proprietary hospital.

20 [~~3~~] (c) Duration. A limited permit shall be valid for two years. It
21 may be renewed biennially at the discretion of the department.

22 [~~4~~] (d) Fees. The fee for each limited permit and for each renewal
23 shall be [~~one hundred five dollars~~] as determined by the department.

24 2. Temporary practice authorization pilot program. (a) There is hereby
25 established a temporary practice authorization pilot program for the
26 purpose of allowing the temporary practice of medicine in a county or
27 facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved.

28 (b) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another
29 state or territory of the United States to practice medicine may be
30 temporarily authorized to practice medicine pursuant to this chapter
31 under the supervision of a New York state licensed physician, pending a
32 determination on licensure for which an application has been filed
33 pursuant to section sixty-five hundred twenty-four of this article,
34 provided: (i) such applicant has obtained the endorsement of an employ-
35 ing health care facility that is authorized by New York state law to
36 provide medical services; (ii) the position is located within a county
37 or facility designated by the federal government as medically under-
38 served; (iii) the applicant has graduated from a duly accredited school
39 of medicine located in the United States or Canada; (iv) such applicant
40 is currently board certified by a physician certification board accepta-
41 ble to the department; and (v) the applicant is not employed by an
42 employment agency as defined in subdivision two of section one hundred
43 seventy-one of the general business law.

44 (c) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and supervising physi-
45 cian shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a
46 form and format acceptable to the department, that such applicant
47 intends to practice in a county or facility designated by the federal
48 government as medically underserved and the applicant shall pay a fee
49 determined by the department. Such temporary authorization shall be
50 awarded immediately upon providing such notice and paying such fee and
51 shall expire in one hundred eighty days or ten days after notification
52 that the applicant does not meet the qualifications for licensure as a
53 physician, whichever shall occur first.

54 (d) Any person practicing as a physician in New York state pursuant to
55 this subdivision shall be subject to the personal and subject matter
56 jurisdiction and disciplinary and regulatory authority of the board of

regents and the state board for professional medical conduct established pursuant to section two hundred thirty of the public health law as if they were a licensee and as if the authorization pursuant to this subdivision were a license. Such physician shall comply with applicable provisions of this title, the public health law, the rules of the board of regents, the state board for professional medical conduct established pursuant to section two hundred thirty of the public health law, and the regulations of the commissioner and the commissioner of health, relating to professional misconduct, disciplinary proceedings and penalties for professional misconduct. Failure to adhere to the notification provisions of this subdivision may be considered unauthorized practice pursuant to section sixty-five hundred twelve of this title.

§ 4. Section 6546 of the education law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6546. Limited permits. 1. Physician assistants. Permits limited as to eligibility, practice and duration, shall be issued by the department to eligible applicants, as follows:

~~[1-]~~ (a) Eligibility. A person who fulfills all requirements to be licensed as a physician assistant except that relating to the examination shall be eligible for a limited permit.

~~[2-]~~ (b) Limit of practice. A permittee shall be authorized to practice as a physician assistant only under the direct supervision of a physician.

~~[3-]~~ (c) Duration. A limited permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance or upon notice to the permittee by the department that the application for a license has been denied. A limited permit shall be extended upon application for one additional year, provided that the permittee's request for such extension is endorsed by a physician who either has supervised or will supervise the permittee, except that such extension may be denied by the department for cause which shall be stated in writing. If the permittee is awaiting the results of a licensing examination at the time such limited permit expires, such permit shall continue to be valid until ten days after notification to the permittee of the result of such examination.

~~[4-]~~ (d) Fees. The fee for each limited permit shall be ~~[one hundred five dollars]~~ as determined by the department.

2. Temporary practice authorization pilot program. There is hereby established a temporary practice authorization pilot program for the purpose of allowing the temporary practice as a physician assistant in a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved.

(a) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another state or territory of the United States to practice as a physician assistant may be temporarily authorized to practice as a physician assistant under the supervision of a New York state licensed physician, pending a determination on licensure for which an application has been filed pursuant to section sixty-five hundred forty-one of this article, provided: (i) such applicant has obtained the endorsement of an employing health care facility that is authorized to provide medical services; (ii) the position is located within a county or facility designated by the federal government as medically underserved; (iii) the applicant has received a degree in physician assistant studies from a duly accredited graduate school located in the United States or Canada; and (iv) the applicant is not employed by an employment agency as defined in subdivision two of section one hundred seventy-one of the general business law.

1 (b) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and supervising physi-
2 cian shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a
3 form and format acceptable to the department, that such applicant
4 intends to practice as a physician assistant in a county or facility
5 designated by the federal government as medically underserved and the
6 applicant shall pay a fee determined by the department. Such temporary
7 authorization shall be awarded immediately upon providing such notice
8 and paying such fee and shall expire in one hundred eighty days or ten
9 days after notification that the applicant does not meet the qualifica-
10 tions for licensure as a physician assistant, whichever shall occur
11 first.

12 § 5. Section 6605 of the education law, as amended by chapter 40 of
13 the laws of 1982, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 57 of the laws of
14 1999 and subdivision 5 as added by chapter 436 of the laws of 2009, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 § 6605. Limited permits. 1. Graduate dentists. (a) On recommendation
17 of the board, the department may issue a limited permit to a graduate of
18 a dental college who meets the educational qualifications for admission
19 to the licensing examination in dentistry for employment in a hospital
20 or dental facility approved by an appropriate agency, while under the
21 direction or supervision of a licensed dentist. No such permit shall be
22 issued or renewed unless such graduate has a bona fide offer of a posi-
23 tion in such a hospital or dental facility.

24 [~~2-~~] (b) On recommendation of the board, the department may issue a
25 limited permit for instructing in dentistry to a dentist not licensed
26 under this article to be employed by a registered school of dentistry or
27 dental hygiene to instruct and supervise clinical dentistry or dental
28 hygiene for students in such a registered school in the state, and in so
29 doing to practice dentistry as defined in this article, but only on the
30 premises of such registered school or such other premises as may be used
31 for instruction in the program of education conducted by such institu-
32 tion. No person shall be permitted or authorized to instruct and super-
33 vise clinical dentistry for students unless such person is licensed in
34 this state or holds the foregoing limited permit for instructing in
35 dentistry.

36 [~~3-~~] (c) The holder of a limited permit under this [~~section~~] subdivi-
37 sion may practice dentistry, as defined in this article, but only in the
38 performance of duties required by the position for which the limited
39 permit is issued. Nothing in this [~~section~~] subdivision shall be
40 construed to authorize such unlicensed dentist to engage in the private
41 practice of dentistry.

42 [~~4-~~] (d) A limited permit under this [~~section~~] subdivision shall be
43 valid for one year or until ten days after notification of denial of an
44 application for license. A limited permit may be renewed for one year,
45 except if the applicant is serving in a residency program in a hospital
46 or school of dentistry in this state. A limited permit may be renewed
47 annually for the duration of such residency program. The fee for each
48 limited permit and for each renewal shall be one hundred five dollars.

49 [~~5-~~] (e) Notwithstanding [~~subdivision one~~] paragraph (a) of this
50 [~~section~~] subdivision, dental school graduates who meet the license
51 requirement for education pursuant to subdivision two of section sixty-
52 six hundred four of this article shall be deemed to be exempt persons
53 pursuant to section sixty-six hundred ten of this article and shall not
54 be required to obtain a limited permit, provided that they are employed
55 in an approved residency program for the purpose of fulfilling initial
56 licensure requirements pursuant to section sixty-six hundred four of

1 this article. Not later than sixty days after entry into an approved
2 residency program, the dental resident shall register on a form accepta-
3 ble to the commissioner and pay to the department a residency registra-
4 tion fee established by the department, which residency registration fee
5 shall be reasonable and shall not exceed the limited permit fee speci-
6 fied in [~~subdivision four~~] paragraph (d) of this [~~section~~] subdivision.
7 All persons deemed exempt pursuant to this [~~section~~] subdivision shall
8 be subject to all provisions of article one hundred thirty of this
9 title, including but not limited to having disciplinary action taken
10 against their residency registration status.

11 2. Temporary practice authorization pilot program. (a) Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of this section, there is hereby established a
13 temporary practice authorization pilot program for the purpose of allow-
14 ing the temporary practice of dentistry in a county or facility desig-
15 nated by the federal government as underserved in the discipline of
16 dental health.

17 (b) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another
18 state or territory of the United States to practice dentistry may be
19 temporarily authorized to practice dentistry pursuant to this subdivi-
20 sion under the supervision of a New York state licensed dentist, pending
21 a determination on licensure for which an application has been filed
22 pursuant to section sixty-six hundred four of this article, provided:
23 (i) such applicant has obtained the endorsement of a hospital or dental
24 facility that is authorized by New York state law to provide dental
25 services; (ii) the position is located within a county or facility
26 designated by the federal government as underserved in the discipline of
27 dental health; (iii) the applicant has graduated from a duly accredited
28 school of dentistry located in the United States or Canada; and (iv) the
29 applicant is not employed by an employment agency as defined in subdivi-
30 sion two of section one hundred seventy-one of the general business law.

31 (c) Prior to commencing practice, the applicant and supervising
32 dentist shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in
33 a form and format acceptable to the department, that such applicant
34 intends to practice as a dentist in a county or facility designated by
35 the federal government as underserved in the discipline of dental health
36 and the applicant shall pay a fee determined by the department. Such
37 temporary authorization shall be awarded immediately upon providing such
38 notice and paying such fee and shall expire in one hundred eighty days
39 or ten days after notification that the applicant does not meet the
40 qualifications for licensure as a dentist, whichever shall occur first.

41 § 6. Not later than June thirtieth of the year following the effective
42 date of this act, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
43 provide the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minori-
44 ty leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority lead-
45 er of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on higher
46 education, and the chair of the assembly committee on higher education
47 with a written evaluation of the pilot program established by this act.
48 Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, address the overall effectiveness
49 of the pilot program at increasing the health care workforce in identi-
50 fied shortage areas and whether continuation or expansion of the pilot
51 program established by this act is recommended. The written evaluation
52 shall be made publicly available on the office's website.

53 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
54 deemed repealed 3 years after such date.