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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, WEPRIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COLTON, COOK, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting vivisection at colleges and universities in the state where a scientifically and educationally satisfactory method or strategy exists

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 819 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 819. Vivisection prohibited. 1. For purposes of this section:

4 (a) "Vivisection" means experimentation through surgery on a living
5 organism to view living internal structure.

6 (b) "Scientifically and educationally satisfactory method or strategy"
7 means a teaching method or strategy that accomplishes the goal of the
8 proposed education or training or teaching method or strategy that is
9 used by a majority of other institutions of higher education to accom-
10 plish the same goal.

11 2. Vivisection is prohibited at all colleges, universities, profes-
12 sional, proprietary or graduate schools in the state where an alterna-
13 tive scientifically and educationally satisfactory method or strategy
14 exists.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law.

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

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