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

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to requiring course work or training in menopausal health for certain professions

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 267-c to read as follows:

§ 267-c. Course work or training in menopausal health. (a) Every physician, physician assistant and specialist assistant practicing in the state shall, on or before July first, two thousand twenty-six and every four years thereafter, complete course work or training, appropriate to the professional's practice, approved by the department regarding menopausal health, including the stages of perimenopause, menopause and postmenopause, the common signs and symptoms, options for treatment and management and the potential impact on the patient's mental health. Such course work or training must also be completed by every medical student, medical resident and physician assistant student in the state as part of the orientation programs conducted by medical schools, medical residency programs and physician assistant programs.

(b) Every physician, physician assistant, specialist assistant, medical student, medical resident and physician assistant student must provide to the department documentation demonstrating the completion of and competence in the course work or training required under subdivision (a) of this section.

(c) The department shall provide an exemption from the requirements imposed by subdivision (a) of this section to anyone who requests such an exemption and who (i) clearly demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that there would be no need for such person to complete such course work or training because of the nature of their practice or (ii)

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

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that such person has completed course work or training deemed by the department to be equivalent to the standards for course work or training approved by the department pursuant to this section. An individual granted an exemption must reapply to continue such exemption every four years.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6505-f to read as follows:

§ 6505-f. Course work or training in menopausal health. Every registered nurse practicing in the state shall, on or before July first, two thousand twenty-six and every four years thereafter, complete course work or training appropriate to the professional's practice approved by the department regarding menopausal health in accordance with regulatory standards promulgated by the department, in consultation with the department of health, which shall be consistent, as far as appropriate, with such standards adopted by the department of health pursuant to section two hundred sixty-seven-c of the public health law. The department shall provide an exemption from this requirement to anyone who requests such an exemption and who (i) clearly demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that there would be no need for such person to complete such course work or training because of the nature of their practice or (ii) that such person has completed course work or training deemed by the department to be equivalent to the course work or training approved by the department pursuant to this section. The department shall consult with organizations representative of professions, institutions and those with expertise in menopausal health with respect to the regulatory standards promulgated pursuant to this section.

§ 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 7710 of the education law, as added by chapter 443 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For purposes of this section "acceptable formal education" shall mean formal courses of learning which contribute to professional practice in social work and which meet the standards prescribed by regulations of the commissioner. Such formal courses of learning shall include, but not be limited to, collegiate level credit and non-credit courses, professional development programs and technical sessions offered by national, state and local professional associations and other organizations acceptable to the department, and any other organized educational and technical programs acceptable to the department. Continuing education courses must be taken from a provider who has been approved by the department, based upon an application and fee, pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner. The department may, in its discretion and as needed to contribute to the health and welfare of the public, require the completion of continuing education courses in specific subjects to fulfill this mandatory continuing education requirement, including but not limited to menopausal health. Licensed master social workers or licensed clinical social workers shall maintain adequate documentation of completion of acceptable formal continuing education and shall provide such documentation at the request of the department. Failure to provide such documentation upon the request of the department shall be an act of misconduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to section sixty-five hundred ten of this title.

§ 4. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 8412 of the education law, as added by chapter 486 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For purposes of this section "acceptable formal education" shall mean formal courses of learning which contribute to professional prac-

tice in mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychoanalysis, or creative arts therapies and which meet the standards prescribed by regulations of the commissioner. Such formal courses of learning shall include, but not be limited to, collegiate level credit and non-credit courses, professional development programs and technical sessions offered by national, state and local professional associations and other organizations acceptable to the department, and any other organized educational and technical programs acceptable to the department. Continuing education courses must be taken from a provider who has been approved by the department, based upon an application and fee, pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner. The department may, in its discretion and as needed to contribute to the health and welfare of the public, require the completion of continuing education courses in specific subjects to fulfill this mandatory continuing education requirement**, including but not limited to menopausal health**. Licensed mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychoanalysts, and creative arts therapists shall maintain adequate documentation of completion of acceptable formal continuing education and shall provide such documentation at the request of the department. Failure to provide such documentation upon the request of the department shall be an act of misconduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to section sixty-five hundred ten of this title.

§ 5. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 7607 of the education law, as added by chapter 436 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The department may, in its discretion and as needed to contribute to the health and welfare of the public, require the completion of continuing education credits in specific subjects to fulfill this mandatory continuing education requirement**, including but not limited to menopausal health**.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.