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Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to certificates of qualification for clinical laboratories and blood banks

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 573 of the public health law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the public health law relating to certificates of qualification for clinical laboratories and blood banks, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8966-A and A. 9235-A, is amended to read as follows:

1. The department shall issue a certificate of qualification to any person who meets [~~prescribed~~] minimum qualifications [~~under~~]**, prescribed by the department and in accordance with** federal regulations, including board certification as required**,** and who otherwise demonstrates to the department that such person possesses the character, competence, training and ability to administer properly the technical and scientific operation of a clinical laboratory or blood bank, including supervision of procedures and reporting of findings of tests.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 225 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 571 of the laws of 1976, is amended to read as follows:

(b) prescribe the qualifications of public health personnel of the department, directors of divisions, regional health directors, state district health officers, local health officers; [~~directors or other persons in charge of laboratories;~~] county and city health commissioners, deputy and assistant county or city health commissioners; public health administrators; county health directors and deputy and assistant county health directors; directors of county physically handicapped children's programs; directors of medical care (local assistance

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

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programs); public health nurses; public health physical therapists; public health educators; nurse-midwives; medical social workers; public health social workers; radiation safety officers; sanitary and public health engineers, sanitarians, sanitary inspectors; public health veterinarians; operators of public water treatment and purification plants; and the qualifications of persons not paid from public funds and who are appointed and employed after January first, nineteen hundred forty-seven, as operators of water treatment or purification plants owned or operated by water companies, corporations or by a person or group of persons serving the general public residing in a political subdivision or any part thereof;

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the same date in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the public health law relating to certificates of qualification for clinical laboratories and blood banks, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8966-A and A. 9235-A, takes effect.