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Introduced by M. of A. CASTRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to increasing bilingual nurses' and physician's assistants' wages by two dollars per hour

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 2807-Z to read as follows:

S 2807-Z. MULTI-LINGUAL NURSES AND PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS. 1. ANY LICENSED NURSE OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT WORKING IN A HOSPITAL WHO FLUENTLY SPEAKS ANY LANGUAGE IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION BY TWO DOLLARS PER HOUR.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

A. "PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON WHO IS REGISTERED AS A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW;

B. "LICENSED NURSE" SHALL MEAN EITHER A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THE EDUCATION LAW; AND

C. "HOSPITAL" SHALL HAVE THE MEANING ASCRIBED TO IT BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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