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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Lifton) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to certification as a  
clinical nurse specialist (CNS)

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 6911  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 6911. CERTIFICATION AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS). 1. FOR  
4     ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST UNDER  
5     SECTION SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, THE APPLICANT  
6     SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:  
7     (A) FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;  
8     (B) BE LICENSED AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THIS STATE;  
9     (C) (I) HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGIS-  
10    TERED BY THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE, OR A  
11    POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE FROM A PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT  
12    WHICH PREPARES GRADUATES TO PRACTICE AS CNSS AND WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY  
13    A NATIONAL NURSING ACCREDITED BODY ACCEPTABLE TO THE STATE BOARD FOR  
14    NURSING, AND (II) MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
15    DEPARTMENT TO PRACTICE AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST INCLUDING THE  
16    PASSAGE OF A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXAMINATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPART-  
17    MENT, OR (III) HAVE RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION DETERMINED BY THE  
18    DEPARTMENT TO BE THE SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND  
19    (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND  
20    (D) PAY A FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH INITIAL  
21    CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE AND A TRIEN-  
22    NIAL REGISTRATION FEE OF THIRTY DOLLARS. REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION  
23    SHALL BE COTERMINOUS WITH THE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST'S REGISTRATION  
24    AS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE.  
25    2. ONLY A PERSON CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL USE THE TITLE  
26    "CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST" OR THE DESIGNATION "CNS".  
27    3. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY PERSON WHO IS CURRENTLY CERTI-  
28    FIED AND PRACTICING AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST OR WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO

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

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1 TAKE A NATIONAL CERTIFYING EXAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CERTIF-  
2 ICATION AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST WHEN THIS SECTION TAKES EFFECT.  
3 S 2. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any act or practice  
4 authorized by any other law, rule, regulation or certification. The  
5 provisions of this act shall not apply to any activity authorized,  
6 pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, to be performed by a registered  
7 professional nurse in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of  
8 the public health law.  
9 S 3. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate all  
10 rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.  
11 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
12 it shall have become a law.