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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the educational requirements for special assistants and physicians assistants

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision 1 of section
2 6541 of the education law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of
3 1992, are amended to read as follows:
4 (c) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A SPECIAL ASSIST-
5 ANT, has successfully completed a four-year course of study in a second-
6 ary school approved by the board of regents or has passed an equivalency
7 test;
8 (d) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHYSICIAN
9 ASSISTANT, POSSESSES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR
10 UNIVERSITY;
11 (E) has satisfactorily completed an approved program for the training
12 of physician assistants or specialist assistants. The approved program
13 for the training of physician assistants shall include not less than
14 forty weeks of supervised clinical training and thirty-two credit hours
15 of classroom work. The commissioner is empowered to determine whether an
16 applicant possesses equivalent education and training, such as experi-
17 ence as a nurse or military corpsman, which may be accepted in lieu of
18 all or part of an approved program; and
19 [(e)] (F) in the case of an applicant for registration as a physician
20 assistant, has obtained a passing score on an examination acceptable to
21 the department.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to new
23 applications for registration as a physician assistant occurring on and
24 after such date.

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

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