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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing nurse practitioners to perform functions in conjunction with diagnosing an illness

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 6902 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(H) A NURSE PRACTITIONER MAY PERFORM ANY FUNCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAKING OF A DIAGNOSIS OF ILLNESS OR PHYSICAL CONDITION, OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THERAPEUTIC AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES WITHIN A SPECIALTY AREA OF PRACTICE LAWFULLY PERFORMED BY THE NURSE PRACTITIONER IN ANY HEALTH CARE SETTING, THAT A STATUTE AUTHORIZES OR DIRECTS A PHYSICIAN TO PERFORM. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A NURSE PRACTITIONER UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

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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