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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee
   on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the educational
   requirements for specialist assistants and physician assistants

   THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, 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 SPECIALIST
 5 ASSISTANT, has successfully completed a four-year course of study in a
 6 secondary school approved by the board of regents or has passed an
 7 equivalency test;
 8   (d) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHYSICIAN
 9 ASSISTANT, HAS RECEIVED AN EDUCATION INCLUDING A BACHELOR'S OR EQUIV-
10 ALENT DEGREE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS;
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. APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
16 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN APPROVED PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR
17 EQUIVALENT IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE SATIS-
18 FIED THIS PARAGRAPH. The commissioner is empowered to determine whether
19 an applicant possesses equivalent education and training, such as expe-
20 rience as a nurse or military corpsman, which may be accepted in lieu of
21 all or part of an approved program; and
22   [(e)] (F) in the case of an applicant for registration as a physician
23 assistant, has obtained a passing score on an examination acceptable to
24 the department.
25   S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to new
26 applications for registration as a physician assistant occurring on and
27 after such date.

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