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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to certain vocational schools providing licensed practical nurse training

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

Section 1. Section 6453 of the education law, as amended by chapter 994 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

S [6443] 6453. Special nursing education program. To grant greater opportunity in nursing education, the commissioner may:

1. Enter into contracts with any institution of VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, higher education incorporated in this state, voluntary non-profit hospitals incorporated within this state or public hospitals located within this state for:

(1) A contract for conducting courses approved by the department to assist foreign trained nurses to qualify for a license as a LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR registered professional nurse in this state.

(2) A contract for conducting refresher courses for residents of this state who have been licensed as LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES OR registered professional nurses but who are not actively engaged in nursing.

(3) A CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CERTIFY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS OR PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS, TO CONDUCT COURSES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO QUALIFY PERSONS AS LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

2. Enter into a contract to expand the enrollment of any institution of higher education incorporated within this state or any voluntary non-profit hospital or municipal or county hospital incorporated within this state providing either a regents' approved curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree in professional nursing or a regents' registered program in professional nursing, by paying an agreed sum to the institu-

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

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tion for each additional student enrolled in each year of instruction above the average enrollment in such year of instruction for the last five years prior to the year for which the payment is made. The sum shall not be paid for more than ten additional students per year.

3. Promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of these programs.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.