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AN ACT to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation  
to domestic violence course work or training

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 6505-d  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 6505-D. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING. EVERY REGISTERED  
4     NURSE AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE PRACTICING IN THIS STATE SHALL, ON OR  
5     BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFT-  
6     ER, COMPLETE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING APPROPRIATE TO THE PROFESSIONAL'S  
7     PRACTICE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND  
8     DOCUMENTATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATORY STAND-  
9     ARDS PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
10    OF HEALTH AND THE OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. EACH  
11    SUCH PROFESSIONAL SHALL DOCUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME OF REGIS-  
12    TRATION COMMENCING WITH THE FIRST REGISTRATION AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO  
13    THOUSAND ELEVEN THAT THE PROFESSIONAL HAS COMPLETED COURSE WORK OR  
14    TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
15    AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS SUCH AN  
16    EXEMPTION AND WHO (I) CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SATISFAC-  
17    TION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR HIM OR HER TO COMPLETE SUCH COURSE  
18    WORK OR TRAINING BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF HIS OR HER PRACTICE OR (II)  
19    HAS COMPLETED COURSE WORK OR TRAINING DEEMED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE  
20    EQUIVALENT TO THE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
21    PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH ORGANIZA-  
22    TIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF PROFESSIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND THOSE WITH EXPER-  
23    TISE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATORY STANDARDS  
24    PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

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1 S 2. The title heading of title 2-E of article 2 of the public health  
2 law, as amended by chapter 477 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 HIV/HBV/HCV PREVENTION TRAINING;

5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING

6 S 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 239-c to  
7 read as follows:

8 S 239-C. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING. EVERY PHYSICIAN,  
9 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND SPECIALIST ASSISTANT PRACTICING IN THE STATE  
10 SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND EVERY FOUR  
11 YEARS THEREAFTER, (A) COMPLETE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING, APPROPRIATE TO  
12 THE PROFESSIONAL'S PRACTICE, APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING DIAG-  
13 NOSIS, TREATMENT, AND DOCUMENTATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IN ACCORDANCE  
14 WITH REGULATORY STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION  
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
16 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND (B) SO DOCUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT  
17 SHALL PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS  
18 SUCH AN EXEMPTION AND WHO (I) CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
19 SATISFACTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR HIM OR HER TO COMPLETE SUCH  
20 COURSE WORK OR TRAINING BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF HIS OR HER PRACTICE OR  
21 (II) THAT HE OR SHE HAS COMPLETED COURSE WORK OR TRAINING DEEMED BY THE  
22 DEPARTMENT TO BE EQUIVALENT TO THE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING APPROVED BY  
23 THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT  
24 WITH ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF PROFESSIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND THOSE  
25 WITH EXPERTISE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATORY STAN-  
26 DARDS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

27 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
28 it shall have become a law and provided further that the commissioners  
29 of health and education may immediately take such steps as are necessary  
30 for implementation of this act on such effective date.