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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing free spaying and neutering services in lieu of self-instructional course work for continuing education requirements for veterinarians

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6704-a of the education law, as added by chapter 328 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

2. During each triennial registration period an applicant for registration shall complete a minimum of forty-five hours of acceptable formal continuing education, a maximum of twenty-two and one-half hours of which may be self-instructional coursework acceptable to the department OR IN LIEU OF SUCH SELF-INSTRUCTIONAL COURSEWORK, THE APPLICANT MAY PROVIDE FREE SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MUNICIPALITY, DULY INCORPORATED NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, OR DULY INCORPORATED ANIMAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT A FORMULA PROVIDING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING PROCEDURES THAT SHALL BE DEEMED THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE HOUR OF CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION. Any veterinarian whose first registration date following the effective date of this section occurs less than three years from such effective date, but on or after January first, two thousand twelve, shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the rate of one and one-quarter hours per month for the period beginning January first, two thousand twelve up to the first registration date thereafter. A licensee who has not satisfied the mandatory continuing education requirements shall not be issued a triennial registration certificate by the department and shall not practice unless and until a conditional registration certificate is issued as provided in subdivision three of this section, or until he or she has otherwise met the

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

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requirements of this section. The individual licensee shall determine the selection of courses or programs of study pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 3 of chapter 328 of the laws of 2010, takes effect.