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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting vivisection at colleges and universities in the state where a scientifically and educationally satisfactory method or strategy exists

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815 to read as follows:

S 815. VIVISECTION PROHIBITED. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(A) "VIVISECTION" MEANS EXPERIMENTATION THROUGH SURGERY ON A LIVING ORGANISM TO VIEW LIVING INTERNAL STRUCTURE.

(B) "SCIENTIFICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY SATISFACTORY METHOD OR STRATEGY" MEANS A TEACHING METHOD OR STRATEGY THAT ACCOMPLISHES THE GOAL OF THE PROPOSED EDUCATION OR TRAINING OR TEACHING METHOD OR STRATEGY THAT IS USED BY A MAJORITY OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME GOAL.

2. VIVISECTION IS PROHIBITED AT ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, PROFESSIONAL, PROPRIETARY OR GRADUATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE SCIENTIFICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY SATISFACTORY METHOD OR STRATEGY EXISTS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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