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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting pharmacists from refusing to dispense medication solely for philosophical, moral, or religious reasons

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

Section 1. Section 6810 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. NO PHARMACIST SHALL REFUSE TO DISPENSE OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION BY PHARMACIES SOLELY ON THE GROUNDS THAT TO DISPENSE OR REFILL THE PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG WOULD CONTRAVENE THE PHARMACIST'S PHILOSOPHICAL, MORAL, OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which 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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