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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring schools to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

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

Section 1. Section 804-c of the education law, as added by chapter 269 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

S 804-c. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction. 1. Instructions regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation [may] SHALL be [offered for voluntary admission as] a part of the health education curriculum in all senior high schools. In addition to the requirement that all teachers of health education shall be certified to teach health, persons instructing pupils in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall possess valid certification by an agency offering such certification in the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation [and in its instruction].

2. The commissioner [may] SHALL prescribe regulations governing such health education courses which shall include instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such regulations shall in no event prescribe a course of study in cardiopulmonary resuscitation which sets forth standards for PSYCHOMOTOR SKILL instruction of a lesser quality than the requirements of the programs adopted by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

3. School authorities [that choose to offer such course] shall provide the needed facilities, time and place for the instruction set forth herein and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials to support such course of study.

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

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S 2. Section 804-d of the education law, as added by chapter 315 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

S 804-d. Automated external defibrillator instruction. Instructions regarding the correct use of an automated external defibrillator shall be included as a part of the health education curriculum in all senior high schools when cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction is being provided as authorized by section eight hundred four-c of this article. In addition to the requirement that all teachers of health education shall be certified to teach health, persons instructing pupils in the correct use of automated external defibrillators shall possess valid certification by a nationally recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council offering certification in the operation of an automated external defibrillator [and in its instruction].

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.