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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Gottfried) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the palliative care education and training council; and to direct such council to examine and make recommendations relating to such training and education in nursing and social work schools

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 2807-n of the public health law, as added by section 63-f of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The New York state palliative care education and training council is established in the department as an expert panel in palliative medicine, education and training. Its members shall be appointed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall seek recommendations for appointments to such council from New York state-based health care professional, consumer, medical institutional and medical educational leaders. Members of the council shall include: nine representatives of medical schools and hospital organizations; two representatives of medical academies; two patient advocates; individual representatives of an organization broadly representative of physicians, internal medicine, family physicians, nursing, SOCIAL WORK, hospice, HOME CARE, neurology, psychiatry, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, surgery, and the hospital philanthropic community; and the executive director or a member of the governor's taskforce on life and the law and of the New York state council on graduate medical education. Members shall have expertise in palliative care or pain management. Members shall serve a term of three years with renewable terms. Members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties.

S 2. The palliative care education and training council established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 2807-n of the public health law shall examine and make recommendations to the commissioners of health and education, the chancellor of the state university

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

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of New York, and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on health, education and higher education with regard to the need, approaches and resources to provide for palliative care education and training in state certified schools of nursing and social work, as well as in practice settings at the health care provider facility or agency level. In conducting the examination and making the recommendations, the council shall also solicit and consider the input of representatives of such schools of nursing and social work.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.