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Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a demonstration program of physician assistant training in underserved areas by students of foreign institutions, and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6545-a  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 6545-A. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING IN  
4     UNDERSERVED AREAS BY STUDENTS OF FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS. 1. THE COMMIS-  
5     SIONER SHALL CLASSIFY AS AN APPROVED PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF PHYSI-  
6     CIAN ASSISTANTS A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES SUPERVISED CLINICAL TRAINING IN  
7     AN UNDERSERVED AREA, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINE  
8     HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AND CLASSROOM WORK PERFORMED AT AN  
9     INSTITUTION LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH  
10    CLINICAL TRAINING AND CLASSROOM WORK SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARA-  
11    GRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE OF  
12    THIS CHAPTER.  
13    2. THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS TO  
14    INCREASE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.  
15    S 2. The commissioner of education shall, within 365 days after the  
16    effective date of this act, establish a process by which a classroom  
17    work and clinical training program offered by any institution located  
18    outside of the United States for the purpose of training physician  
19    assistants pursuant to section 6541 of the education law may be approved  
20    for such purpose.

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

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1 S 3. The commissioner of education shall, within 365 days after the  
2 effective date of this act, approve of an examination required of appli-  
3 cants for registration as a physician assistant, as defined by section  
4 6540 of the education law, who have completed the approved program as  
5 described in section one of this act, provided that such examination  
6 shall adequately assess entry level skills for the profession of physi-  
7 cian assistant as determined by the department.

8 S 4. The commissioner of education during any twelve month period may  
9 approve for registration as a physician assistant, as defined by section  
10 6540 of the education law, up to two hundred fifty persons that have  
11 completed an approved program as described in section one of this act  
12 and have satisfied all other requirements of subdivision 1 of section  
13 6541 of the education law.

14 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
15 deemed repealed five years after such date.