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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring that graduates of state high schools be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

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

1     Section 1. Section 804-c of the education law, as added by chapter 269  
2     of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 804-c. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction. 1. Instructions  
4     regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation [may] SHALL be offered [for  
5     voluntary admission] as a part of the health education curriculum in all  
6     senior high schools. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS COMPONENT OF THE  
7     HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION OF ALL  
8     STUDENTS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY CAPABLE OF  
9     COMPLETING THE COMPONENT. In addition to the requirement that all teach-  
10    ers of health education shall be certified to teach health, persons  
11    instructing pupils in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall possess valid  
12    certification by an agency offering such certification in the perform-  
13    ance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in its instruction.  
14    2. The commissioner [may] SHALL prescribe regulations governing such  
15    health education courses which shall include instruction in cardiopulmo-  
16    nary resuscitation. Such regulations shall in no event prescribe a  
17    course of study in cardiopulmonary resuscitation which sets forth stand-  
18    ards for instruction of a lesser quality than the requirements of the  
19    programs adopted by the American Heart Association or the American Red  
20    Cross.  
21    3. School authorities [that choose to offer such course] shall provide  
22    the needed facilities, time and place for the instruction set forth  
23    herein and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials  
24    to support such course of study.  
25    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
26    the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all  
27    school years commencing on or after such effective date.

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

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