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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the identification, charging, reporting and investigation of charges of professional misconduct by health care professionals

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

1     Section 1. Section 230 of the public health law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 9-b to read as follows:  
3     9-B. NEITHER THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT NOR THE OFFICE  
4     OF PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT SHALL IDENTIFY, CHARGE, OR CAUSE A  
5     REPORT MADE TO THE DIRECTOR OF SUCH OFFICE TO BE INVESTIGATED BASED  
6     SOLELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OR PROVISION OF A TREATMENT MODALITY BY A  
7     LICENSEE THAT IS NOT UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION,  
8     INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VARYING MODALITIES USED IN THE TREATMENT  
9     OF LYME DISEASE AND OTHER TICK-BORNE DISEASES. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVI-  
10    SION THE TERM "LICENSEE" SHALL MEAN A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT,  
11    AND SPECIALIST'S ASSISTANT. WHEN A LICENSEE, ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
12    PARAGRAPH E OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
13    TWENTY-SEVEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, RECOMMENDS OR PROVIDES A TREATMENT  
14    MODALITY THAT EFFECTIVELY TREATS HUMAN DISEASE, PAIN, INJURY, DEFORMITY  
15    OR PHYSICAL CONDITION, THE RECOMMENDATION OR PROVISION OF THAT MODALITY  
16    SHALL NOT, BY ITSELF, CONSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT. THIS PROHIBI-  
17    TION SHALL NOT EXONERATE SUCH LICENSEE FROM OTHERWISE APPLICABLE PROFES-  
18    SIONAL REQUIREMENTS.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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