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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the abolition of citizenship requirements for licensure in certain professions

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

- 1     Section 1. Section 6501 of the education law, as amended by chapter 81  
2 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 6501. Admission to a profession (licensing). 1. Admission to prac-  
4 tice of a profession in this state is accomplished by a license being  
5 issued to a qualified applicant by the [education] department. To qual-  
6 ify for a license an applicant shall meet the requirements prescribed in  
7 the article for the particular profession and shall meet the require-  
8 ments prescribed in section 3-503 of the general obligations law.  
9     2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, NO OTHERWISE QUALIFIED  
10 APPLICANT SHALL BE DENIED A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, LIMITED PERMIT OR  
11 REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE BY REASON OF HIS OR HER LACK OF  
12 CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS, UNLESS SUCH APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE  
13 FOR A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR IS UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN  
14 THE UNITED STATES.  
15     S 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 6 of section 6506 of the education  
16 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
17 as follows:  
18     (f) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
19 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
20 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;  
21     S 3. Subdivision 6 of section 6524 of the education law, as amended by  
22 chapter 379 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:  
23     (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
24 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;

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

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1 provided, however that the board of regents may grant a three year waiv-  
2 er for an alien physician to practice in an area which has been desig-  
3 nated by the department as medically underserved, except that the board  
4 of regents may grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to  
5 an alien physician to enable him or her to secure citizenship or perma-  
6 nent resident status, provided such status is being actively pursued;  
7 and provided further that the board of regents may grant an additional  
8 three year waiver, and at its expiration, an extension for a period not  
9 to exceed six additional years, for the holder of an H-1b visa, an O-1  
10 visa, or an equivalent or successor visa thereto]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT  
11 AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

12 S 4. Subdivision 6 of section 6554 of the education law, as amended by  
13 chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

14 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
15 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
16 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

17 S 5. Subdivision 6 of section 6604 of the education law, as amended by  
18 chapter 403 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

19 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
20 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;  
21 provided, however, that the board of regents may grant a three year  
22 waiver for an alien to practice in an area which has been designated a  
23 federal dental health professions shortage area, except that the board  
24 of regents may grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to  
25 an alien to enable him or her to secure citizenship or permanent resi-  
26 dent status, provided such status is being actively pursued]: MEET NO  
27 REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

28 S 6. Subdivision 6 of section 6609 of the education law, as amended by  
29 chapter 403 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

30 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
31 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;  
32 provided, however, that the board of regents may grant a three year  
33 waiver for an alien to practice in an area which has been designated a  
34 federal dental health professions shortage area, except that the board  
35 of regents may grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to  
36 an alien to enable him or her to secure citizenship or permanent resi-  
37 dent status, provided such status is being actively pursued]: MEET NO  
38 REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

39 S 7. Subdivision 6 of section 6704 of the education law, as amended by  
40 chapter 201 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

41 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
42 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;  
43 provided, however that the board of regents may grant a one-time three-  
44 year waiver for a veterinarian who otherwise meets the requirements of  
45 this article and who has accepted an offer to practice veterinary medi-  
46 cine in a county in the state which the department has certified as  
47 having a shortage of qualified applicants to fill existing vacancies in  
48 veterinary medicine, and provided further that the board of regents may  
49 grant an extension of such three-year waiver of not more than one year]:  
50 MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

51 S 8. Subdivision 6 of section 6711 of the education law, as amended by  
52 chapter 80 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

53 6. Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
54 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;  
55 provided, however that the board of regents may grant a one-time three-  
56 year waiver for an animal health technician who otherwise meets the

1 requirements of this article and provided further that the board of  
2 regents may grant an extension of such three-year waiver of not more  
3 than one year]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

4 S 9. Paragraph 6 of subdivision 1 of section 6805 of the education  
5 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
8 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
9 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

10 S 10. Subdivision 6 of section 6955 of the education law, as added by  
11 chapter 327 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

12 6. Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
13 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
14 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.

15 S 11. Paragraph 6 of subdivision 1 of section 7206 of the education  
16 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
19 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
20 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

21 S 12. Paragraph 6 of subdivision 1 of section 7206-a of the education  
22 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
25 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
26 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

27 S 13. Paragraph 6 of subdivision 1 of section 7324 of the education  
28 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
31 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
32 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

33 S 14. Paragraph 6 of subdivision 1 of section 7504 of the education  
34 law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 (6) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
37 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
38 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

39 S 15. Subdivision 5 of section 7804 of the education law, as amended  
40 by chapter 230 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

41 (5) Citizenship [or immigration status: be a United States citizen or  
42 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
43 States]: MEET NO REQUIREMENT AS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP;

44 S 16. This act shall take effect immediately.