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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:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6545-a to read as follows:

S 6545-A. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING IN UNDERSERVED AREAS BY STUDENTS OF FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CLASSIFY AS AN APPROVED PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES SUPERVISED CLINICAL TRAINING IN AN UNDERSERVED AREA, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AND CLASSROOM WORK PERFORMED AT AN INSTITUTION LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CLINICAL TRAINING AND CLASSROOM WORK SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

2. THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

S 2. The commissioner of education shall, within 365 days after the effective date of this act, establish a process by which a classroom work and clinical training program offered by any institution located outside of the United States for the purpose of training physician assistants pursuant to section 6541 of the education law may be approved for such purpose.

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

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

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

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 This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed five years after such date.