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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the health care professional transparency act

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "health care professional transparency act".  
3 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6511-a to  
4 read as follows:  
5 S 6511-A. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TRANSPARENCY. 1. DEFINITIONS. FOR  
6 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
7 A. "ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS ANY COMMUNICATION OR STATEMENT, WHETHER  
8 PRINTED, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL, THAT NAMES THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN  
9 RELATION TO HIS OR HER PRACTICE, PROFESSION, OR INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE  
10 INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED, VOLUNTEERS OR OTHERWISE PROVIDES HEALTH CARE  
11 SERVICES. ADVERTISEMENT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, BUSINESS CARDS,  
12 LETTERHEAD, PATIENT BROCHURES, E-MAIL, INTERNET, AUDIO AND VIDEO AND ANY  
13 OTHER COMMUNICATION OR STATEMENT USED IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS.  
14 B. "DECEPTIVE" OR "MISLEADING" MEANS, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY  
15 ADVERTISEMENT OR AFFIRMATIVE COMMUNICATION OR REPRESENTATION THAT  
16 MISSTATES, FALSELY DESCRIBES, HOLDS OUT OR FALSELY DETAILS THE HEALTH

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

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1 CARE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSION, SKILLS, TRAINING, EXPERTISE, EDUCATION,  
2 BOARD CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE.

3 C. "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTI-  
4 FIED OR REGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE AND WHO PROVIDES HEALTH CARE  
5 SERVICES SUCH AS PROVIDING DIRECT CLINICAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
6 THE HEALTH AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH OF A PATIENT.

7 2. ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS. A. AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE  
8 SERVICES THAT NAMES A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER MUST SPECIFY THE TITLE  
9 SUCH PRACTITIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO USE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE. THE  
10 ADVERTISEMENT SHALL BE FREE FROM ANY AND ALL DECEPTIVE OR MISLEADING  
11 INFORMATION.

12 B. A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THIS  
13 STATE MUST CONSPICUOUSLY POST AND AFFIRMATIVELY COMMUNICATE THE PRACTI-  
14 TIONER'S SPECIFIC LICENSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THIS SHALL  
15 CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (1) THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL WEAR A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION  
17 NAME TAG DURING ALL PATIENT ENCOUNTERS THAT SHALL INCLUDE (I) THE PRAC-  
18 TITIONER'S NAME; AND (II) LARGE BOLD LETTERING WHICH SPECIFIES THE TYPE  
19 OF LICENSE HELD BY THE PRACTITIONER. THE NAME TAG SHALL BE OF SUFFI-  
20 CIENT SIZE AND BE WORN IN A CONSPICUOUS MANNER SO AS TO BE READILY IDEN-  
21 TIFIABLE; AND

22 (2) REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE  
23 CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED BY EACH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN EACH OFFICE  
24 IN WHICH SUCH PERSON PRACTICES. IN INSTANCES WHERE HEALTH CARE PRACTI-  
25 TIONERS REGULARLY PRACTICE AT MORE THAN ONE OFFICE, REGISTRATION CERTIF-  
26 ICATES SHALL BE OBTAINED AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED FOR EACH OFFICE  
27 BEARING THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S NAME AND THE EXACT ADDRESS OF  
28 EACH SUCH OFFICE. WHERE PRACTICE IS CARRIED ON IN OTHER THAN INDIVIDUAL  
29 OFFICES OR SETTINGS, EACH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL HAVE A CURRENT  
30 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT ALL TIMES.

31 C. THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL ONLY  
32 APPLY TO OFFICES WHERE FOUR OR MORE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS PROVIDE  
33 HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

34 S 3. Section 6509 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
35 subdivision 15 to read as follows:

36 (15) EXCEPT FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENT IN SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF  
37 PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN-A OF  
38 THIS SUBARTICLE, FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS IN  
39 SUCH SECTION.

40 S 4. Section 6530 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
41 subdivision 50 to read as follows:

42 50. EXCEPT FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENT IN SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF  
43 PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN-A OF  
44 THIS TITLE, FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS IN SUCH  
45 SECTION.

46 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
47 after it shall have become a law.