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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the education law, the general business law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to making conforming changes reflecting the previously authorized scope of practice of nurse practitioners

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 3602 of the public health  
2     law, as amended by chapter 600 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read  
3     as follows:  
4     4. "Home health aide services" means simple health care tasks,  
5     personal hygiene services, housekeeping tasks essential to the patient's  
6     health and other related supportive services. Such services shall be  
7     prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan of treatment for the  
8     patient and shall be under the supervision of a registered professional  
9     nurse from a certified home health agency or, when appropriate, from a  
10    provider of a long term home health care program and of the appropriate  
11    professional therapist from such agency or provider when the aide  
12    carries out simple procedures as an extension of physical, speech or  
13    occupational therapy. Such services may also be prescribed or ordered by  
14    a nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by law and consistent with  
15    [the written practice agreement pursuant to] subdivision three of  
16    section six thousand nine hundred two of the education law and not  
17    prohibited by federal law or regulation.  
18    5. "Personal care services" means services to assist with personal  
19    hygiene, dressing, feeding and household tasks essential to the  
20    patient's health. Such services shall be prescribed by a physician in  
21    accordance with a plan of home care supervised by a registered profes-  
22    sional nurse. Such services may also be prescribed or ordered by a nurse  
23    practitioner to the extent authorized by law and consistent with [the

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

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1 written practice agreement pursuant to] subdivision three of section six  
2 thousand nine hundred two of the education law and not prohibited by  
3 federal law or regulations.

4 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 579 of the public health law, as amended  
5 by chapter 444 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

6 1. This title is applicable to all clinical laboratories and blood  
7 banks operating within the state, except clinical laboratories and blood  
8 banks operated by the federal government and clinical laboratories oper-  
9 ated by a licensed physician, osteopath, dentist, midwife, nurse practi-  
10 tioner, optometrist performing a clinical laboratory test that does not  
11 use an invasive modality as defined in section seventy-one hundred one  
12 of the education law or podiatrist who performs laboratory tests or  
13 procedures, personally or through his or her employees, solely as an  
14 adjunct to the treatment of his or her own patients; to the extent  
15 authorized by federal and state law, including the education law[, and  
16 consistent with any applicable written practice agreement].

17 S 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 902 of the education law,  
18 as amended by chapter 477 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 a. The board of education, and the trustee or board of trustees of  
21 each school district, shall employ, at a compensation to be agreed upon  
22 by the parties, a qualified physician, or a nurse practitioner to the  
23 extent authorized by the nurse practice act and consistent with [the  
24 written practice agreement pursuant to] subdivision three of section six  
25 thousand nine hundred two of this chapter, to perform the duties of the  
26 director of school health services, including any duties conferred on  
27 the school physician or school medical inspector under any provision of  
28 law, to perform and coordinate the provision of health services in the  
29 public schools and to provide health appraisals of students attending  
30 the public schools in the city or district. The physicians or nurse  
31 practitioners so employed shall be duly licensed pursuant to applicable  
32 law.

33 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 903 of the education law, as separately  
34 amended by section 11 of part B of chapter 58 and chapter 281 of the  
35 laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

36 1. A health certificate shall be furnished by each student in the  
37 public schools upon his or her entrance in such schools and upon his or  
38 her entry into the grades prescribed by the commissioner in regulations,  
39 provided that such regulations shall require such certificates at least  
40 twice during the elementary grades and twice in the secondary grades. An  
41 examination and health history of any child may be required by the local  
42 school authorities at any time in their discretion to promote the educa-  
43 tional interests of such child. Each certificate shall be signed by a  
44 duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who  
45 is authorized by law to practice in this state, and consistent with [any  
46 applicable written practice agreement] SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION SIX  
47 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, or by a duly licensed physi-  
48 cian, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized to  
49 practice in the jurisdiction in which the examination was given,  
50 provided that the commissioner has determined that such jurisdiction has  
51 standards of licensure and practice comparable to those of New York.  
52 Each such certificate shall describe the condition of the student when  
53 the examination was made, which shall not be more than twelve months  
54 prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is  
55 required, and shall state whether such student is in a fit condition of  
56 health to permit his or her attendance at the public schools. Each such

1 certificate shall also state the student's body mass index (BMI) and  
2 weight status category. For purposes of this section, BMI is computed  
3 as the weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters or  
4 the weight in pounds divided by the square of height in inches multi-  
5 plied by a conversion factor of 703. Weight status categories for chil-  
6 dren and adolescents shall be as defined by the commissioner of health.  
7 In all school districts such physician, physician assistant or nurse  
8 practitioner shall determine whether a one-time test for sickle cell  
9 anemia is necessary or desirable and he or she shall conduct such a test  
10 and the certificate shall state the results.

11 S 5. Paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 406 of the general busi-  
12 ness law, as amended by chapter 600 of the laws of 2002, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 e. Each application shall be accompanied by a certificate of a duly  
15 licensed physician, or nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by  
16 law and consistent with [the written practice agreement pursuant to]  
17 subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of the educa-  
18 tion law on a form prescribed by the secretary, showing freedom from any  
19 infectious or communicable disease which certificate shall have been  
20 issued within thirty days prior to the date of the filing of the appli-  
21 cation.

22 S 6. Subdivision 3 of section 433 of the general business law, as  
23 added by chapter 801 of the laws of 1946, is amended to read as follows:

24 3. To require all persons licensed or registered under this article to  
25 submit to physical examination by a physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER  
26 selected by the secretary of state.

27 S 7. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 434 of the general  
28 business law, as amended by chapter 64 of the laws of 1988, is amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 (c) The certificate of a duly licensed physician OR NURSE  
31 PRACTITIONER, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, showing  
32 freedom from any infectious or communicable disease which certificate  
33 shall have been issued within thirty days prior to the date of the  
34 filing of the application;

35 S 8. Subdivision 4 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
36 amended by chapter 686 of the laws of 1994, the opening paragraph and  
37 paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 277 of the laws of 2012, is amended  
38 to read as follows:

39 4. Issue of plates. The commissioner shall issue sets of plates to  
40 such person in accordance with subdivision two of this section with  
41 proof of such disability of such person or such members of his or her  
42 family certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practi-  
43 tioner, to the extent authorized by law[, including the education law,]  
44 and consistent with [any applicable written practice agreement] SUBDIVI-  
45 SION THREE OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF THE EDUCATION  
46 LAW, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a of this section or  
47 optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section, to the  
48 satisfaction of the commissioner who is empowered to carry out the  
49 effects of this section by formulating rules and regulations.

50 For the purposes of this section, a "severely disabled person" shall  
51 mean any person having any one or more of the following impairments,  
52 disabilities or conditions which are permanent in nature:

53 (a) Has limited or no use of one or both lower limbs;

54 (b) Has a neuro-muscular dysfunction which severely limits mobility;

55 (c) Has a physical or mental impairment or condition which is other  
56 than those specified above, but is of such nature as to impose unusual

1 hardship in utilization of public transportation facilities and such  
2 condition is certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse  
3 practitioner, to the extent authorized by law[, including the education  
4 law,] and consistent with [any applicable written practice agreement]  
5 SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF THE EDUCA-  
6 TION LAW, duly licensed to practice [medicine] in this state, or, pursu-  
7 ant to subdivision four-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to  
8 practice podiatry in this state or, pursuant to subdivision four-b of  
9 this section, an optometrist duly licensed to practice optometry in this  
10 state, as constituting an equal degree of disability (specifying the  
11 particular condition) so as to prevent such person from getting around  
12 without great difficulty in accordance with subdivision two of this  
13 section; or

14 (d) A blind person.

15 S 9. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 404-a of the vehicle  
16 and traffic, as amended by chapter 277 of the laws of 2012, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 (b) The commissioner may require the applicant for registration to  
19 furnish such proof of his or her disability or such proof of disability  
20 of such members of his or her family from a physician, physician assist-  
21 ant or nurse practitioner, to the extent authorized by law[, including  
22 the education law,] and consistent with [any applicable written practice  
23 agreement] SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO OF  
24 THE EDUCATION LAW, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a of this  
25 section or optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section,  
26 as the commissioner deems necessary either for initial registration or  
27 renewal thereof; provided, however, that a handicapped or disabled  
28 permit issued by a municipality to such applicant pursuant to section  
29 twelve hundred three-a of this chapter shall be deemed sufficient proof  
30 of disability for purposes of this paragraph.

31 S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 509-g of the vehicle and traffic law,  
32 as amended by chapter 149 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 1. A biennial examination pursuant to regulations established by the  
35 commissioner, by a physician, a certified nurse practitioner to the  
36 extent authorized by law and consistent with [the written practice  
37 agreement pursuant to] subdivision three of section six thousand nine  
38 hundred two of the education law, or a registered physician assistant  
39 who is not the personal physician, nurse practitioner or physician  
40 assistant of the driver. Included shall be a requirement to conduct a  
41 vision test pursuant to regulations issued by the commissioner.

42 S 11. The amendments to the public health law, the education law, the  
43 general business law and the vehicle and traffic law enacted by this act  
44 shall not be construed to expand or contract the scope of practice of  
45 any health care professional under title 8 of the education law.

46 S 12. This act shall take effect immediately.