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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing  
training and registration requirements for kidney dialysis patient  
care technicians

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article  
2     37-B to read as follows:

3                             ARTICLE 37-B  
4                             KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT  
5                             CARE TECHNICIANS

6     SECTION 3720. DEFINITIONS.

7             3721. TRAINING.

8             3722. PRACTICE OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE.

9             3723. EXEMPTION.

10     S 3720. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE:

11     1. "KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN" MEANS ANY PERSON, NOT  
12     LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR NURSING, OR AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR  
13     SPECIALIST ASSISTANT, WHO PERFORMS KIDNEY DIALYSIS SERVICES ON A HUMAN  
14     AND HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED  
15     PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE AND  
16     THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO  
17     OF THIS ARTICLE.

18     2. "KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE" MEANS ANY PERSON,  
19     NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR NURSING, OR AS A PHYSICIAN ASSIST-  
20     ANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT, WHO PERFORMS KIDNEY DIALYSIS SERVICES ON A  
21     HUMAN AND HAS ENROLLED IN OR COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SECTION  
22     THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE AND HAS NOT REGISTERED  
23     PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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1 S 3721. TRAINING. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
2 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDIZED TRAINING  
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS.

4 2. SUCH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND  
5 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE  
6 CLEARLY DEFINED CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, EACH TRAIN-  
7 EE'S ATTAINMENT OF TRAINING GOALS AND COMPETENCY IN PROVISION OF KIDNEY  
8 DIALYSIS SERVICES. KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN TRAINING  
9 PROGRAMS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY:

10 (A) KIDNEY DIALYSIS PROVIDERS;

11 (B) DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS  
12 DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE EDUCATION LAW, CHARTERED, APPROVED OR  
13 LICENSED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS; OR

14 (C) ANY OTHER ENTITY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO CONDUCT SUCH A  
15 PROGRAM.

16 3. THE TRAINING ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
17 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

18 (A) AN OVERVIEW OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS  
19 PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS; AND

20 (B) AN OVERVIEW OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS THERAPY.

21 S 3722. PRACTICE OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE. 1. EXCEPT AS OTHER-  
22 WISE PROVIDED BY THIS ARTICLE, NO PERSON SHALL PROVIDE KIDNEY DIALYSIS  
23 SERVICES, AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, UNLESS SUCH  
24 PERSON HAS COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
25 THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND HAS REGISTERED WITH  
26 THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

27 2. UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
28 SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, A PERSON MAY  
29 REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME A KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE  
30 TECHNICIAN.

31 3. A KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN AND A KIDNEY DIALYSIS  
32 PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SUCH  
33 PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE FOR  
34 THE LEVEL OF TRAINING COMPLETED BY SUCH TECHNICIAN OR TRAINEE.

35 S 3723. EXEMPTION. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED  
36 TWENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT APPLY, UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THE  
37 EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH SECTION, TO ANY PERSON WHO, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
38 OF SUCH SECTION, HAS BEEN PROVIDING KIDNEY DIALYSIS SERVICES FOR A PERI-  
39 OD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

40 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; except that section 3722  
41 of the public health law, as added by section one of this act, shall  
42 take effect one year after the effective date of this act, and the  
43 commissioner of health is immediately authorized and directed to promul-  
44 gate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of  
45 such section 3722 on the effective date thereof.