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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, GUNTHER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CAHILL, O'DONNELL, L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "public university emergency contraception act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds
2 that access to emergency contraception is a basic measure that can
3 prevent college students from having an unwanted pregnancy. The federal
4 Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of emergency contra-
5 ception as safe and effective in the prevention of pregnancy. Emergency
6 contraception has been found to have no effect on an established preg-
7 nancy. Medical research strongly indicates that the sooner emergency
8 contraception is administered, the better the chance of preventing an
9 unwanted pregnancy. Therefore, the legislature deems it essential that
10 each college and university of the state university of New York and the
11 city university of New York provide information on emergency contracep-
12 tion to its students and makes it available to any student who seeks it
13 whenever practicable and in accordance with applicable law and profes-
14 sional standards of practice.

15 § 2. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
16 "public university emergency contraception act".

17 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended
18 by adding a new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

19 (o)(1) Establishing a statewide emergency contraception college educa-
20 tion and awareness program for each college and university of the state
21 university of New York and the city university of New York. For the
22 purpose of this paragraph, "emergency contraception" shall mean one or
23 more prescription drugs, used separately or in combination, in a dosage

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

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1 and manner for preventing pregnancy when used after intercourse, found
2 safe and effective for that use by the United States Food and Drug
3 Administration, and dispensed for that purpose in accordance with appli-
4 cable law and professional standards of practice.

5 (2) The department shall develop, produce and distribute to every
6 college and university of the state university of New York and the city
7 university of New York informational materials and posters relating to
8 the safety and efficacy of emergency contraception to be conspicuously
9 displayed at appropriate locations around each campus, and distributed
10 to students in a manner to be determined by each college and university.
11 The materials and posters shall explain the nature of emergency contra-
12 ception, including that it is deemed safe and effective in preventing
13 pregnancy by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and cannot and
14 does not cause abortions.

15 (3) In implementing the provisions of this paragraph the department
16 shall consult with representatives of health care practitioners,
17 students and affected employees.

18 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
19 it shall have become a law; provided that any rules, regulations and
20 informational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this
21 act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be promulgated
22 on or before such date.