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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, GUNTHER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CAHILL, GALEF, 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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- 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 education 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 education 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) A statewide emergency contraception college education and aware-  
20 ness program. For the purpose of this paragraph, "emergency contracep-

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

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1 tion" shall mean one or more prescription drugs, used separately or in  
2 combination, in a dosage and manner for preventing pregnancy when used  
3 after intercourse, found safe and effective for that use by the United  
4 States Food and Drug Administration, and dispensed for that purpose in  
5 accordance with applicable law and professional standards of practice.

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

16 In implementing the provisions of this paragraph the department shall  
17 consult with representatives of reproductive health care providers,  
18 students and appropriate university officials.

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