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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to restricted clinical laboratory licenses in toxicology

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 8610 of the education law, as 2 added by chapter 204 of the laws of 2008, paragraph (b) as amended by 3 chapter 276 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:
 - 1. Restricted clinical laboratory license.
- (a) The department may issue a restricted license pursuant to which 5 6 the restricted licensee may receive a certificate to perform certain examinations and procedures within the definition of clinical laboratory 7 technology set forth in subdivision one of section eighty-six hundred 8 9 one of this article, provided that such a restricted licensee may 10 perform examinations and procedures only in those of the following areas which are specifically listed in his or her certificate: histocompati-11 bility, cytogenetics, stem cell process, flow cytometry/cellular immu-12 nology and molecular diagnosis to the extent such molecular diagnosis is 13 included in genetic testing-molecular and molecular oncology, and toxi-14 15 cology (under paragraph (b-1) of this subdivision).
- 16 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subdivision, restricted 17 licensees employed at National Cancer Institute designated cancer 18 centers or at teaching hospitals that are eligible for distributions 19 pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision three of section twenty-eight 20 hundred seven-m of the public health law may receive a certificate that

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

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1 also includes the practice of molecular diagnosis including but not limited to genetic testing-molecular and molecular oncology, restricted licensees employed at national cancer institute designated 3 cancer centers may receive a certificate that includes the use of mass spectrometry or any tests and procedures acceptable to the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner, in the field of 7 proteomics, provided that such certificate holders may practice in such additional areas only at such centers, teaching hospitals or other sites 9 as may be designated by the commissioner.

(b-1) Only individuals employed in a New York state department of 11 health authorized toxicology laboratory, operating under the direction of a clinical laboratory director, may obtain a certificate in toxicology.

- (c) To qualify for a restricted license, an applicant shall:
- (i) file an application with the department;
- (ii) have received an education, including a bachelor's degree in the biological, chemical, or physical sciences or in mathematics from a program registered by the department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent;
- (iii) have completed a training program with a planned sequence of supervised employment or engagement in activities appropriate for the area of certification, which training program is satisfactory to the department in quality, breadth, scope and nature and is provided by an entity that shall be responsible for the services provided. The training 24 25 program shall be described and attested to by the clinical director of 26 the laboratory in which it is located prior to the beginning of the program. The duration of the training program shall be one year of fulltime training in the specific areas in which the applicant is seeking certification or the part-time equivalent thereof, as determined by the department, and the successful completion of such program shall be certified by a laboratory director who is responsible for overseeing such program;
 - (iv) be at least eighteen years of age;
 - (v) be of good moral character as determined by the department; and
- (vi) pay a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars for an initial 36 restricted license and a fee of one hundred seventy dollars for each triennial registration period.
- (d) Each restricted licensee shall register with the department as required of licensees pursuant to section sixty-five hundred two of this title and shall be subject to the disciplinary provisions applicable to 40 licensees pursuant to subarticle three of article one hundred thirty of this title.
- § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 43 44 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of 45 education shall make regulations and take other actions reasonably 46 necessary to implement this act on that date.