AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to permitting pharmacies to store prescribed medications in automated dispensing machines

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended by chapter 538 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Pharmacy" means (a) any place in which drugs, prescriptions or poisons are possessed for the purpose of compounding, preserving, dispensing or retailing, or in which drugs, prescriptions or poisons are compounded, preserved, dispensed or retailed, or in which such drugs, prescriptions or poisons are by advertising or otherwise offered for sale at retail[ ]; and (b) a pharmacy registered by the department, and based upon a contractual arrangement with a nursing home or residential health care facility as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, may store prescribed medications at such facility in an automated dispensing machine and dispense such medications for the sole use of the facility's residents.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.