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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to physician coursework or training in nutrition

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 264 to read as follows:

§ 264. Coursework or training in nutrition. (a) Every physician practicing in the state shall, on or before July first, two thousand twenty-three and every two years thereafter, complete six hours of coursework or training, approved by the department regarding nutrition, which shall include but not be limited to plant-based nutrition and other clinically proven methods for the prevention, reversal, and treatment of diet-related illnesses.

(b) Every physician must provide the department documentation demonstrating the completion of and competence in the coursework or training required under subdivision (a) of this section.

(c) The department shall provide an exemption for the requirements imposed by subdivision (a) of this section to anyone who requests such exemption and who: (i) does not engage in direct patient care; (ii) does not provide patient consultations; or (iii) does not reside in the state of New York.

(d) The department shall consult with organizations representative of professions, institutions and those with expertise in nutrition and the prevention, reversal, and treatment of diet-related illnesses with respect to the regulatory standards promulgated pursuant to this section. Coursework or training funded directly or indirectly by commercial food production entities or their trade organizations shall not satisfy the requirements of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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