

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 6, 2020

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

AN ACT to make a temporary change to the system of examination of candidates for admission to practice as attorneys and counsellors in the state of New York during the COVID-19 pandemic; and to provide for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding section 53 of the judiciary law or any
2 other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the uniform
3 system of examination of candidates for admission to practice as attor-
4 neys and counsellors shall consist of the following:

5 (a) The New York Law Course, as described in section 6000.3(b) of the
6 Rules of the State Board of Law Examiners, as in effect as of October
7 11, 2017;

8 (b) The New York Law Examination, as described in section 6000.3(c) of
9 the Rules of the State Board of Law Examiners, as in effect as of Octo-
10 ber 11, 2017; and

11 (c) The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, as
12 described in section 6000.3(d) of the Rules of the State Board of Law
13 Examiners, as in effect as of October 11, 2017.

14 § 2. The court of appeals may adopt, amend, or rescind rules not
15 inconsistent with this act for the admission to practice as attorneys
16 and counsellors of persons who successfully complete the uniform system
17 of examination described in section one of this act.

18 § 3. Nothing contained in this act shall prevent the court of appeals
19 from dispensing, in the rules established by it, with the uniform system
20 of examination described in section one of this act where the applicant
21 is a graduate of any law school which requires a three year course for
22 graduation and produces the graduate's diploma upon their application
23 for admission to practice.

24 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed upon the expiration of the state of emergency declared
26 by Executive Order 202 of 2020 or the expiration of any subsequent

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

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1 extensions or renewals of such Executive Order; provided that the chief
2 administrator of the courts shall notify the legislative bill drafting
3 commission upon the expiration of by Executive Order 202 of 2020 and the
4 expiration of any subsequent extensions or renewals of such Executive
5 Order in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely
6 effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New
7 York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the
8 legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.