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Introduced by Sens. MAY, GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- again amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to permitting certain registered pharmacy technicians to assist a licensed pharmacist in preparing prescriptions in certain facilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 6841 of the education law, as added by chapter 414 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. A registered pharmacy technician may, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist, assist such licensed pharmacist, as directed, in compounding, preparing, labeling, or dispensing of drugs used to fill valid prescriptions or medication orders or in compounding, preparing, and labeling in anticipation of a valid prescription or medication order for a patient to be served by the facility, in accordance with article one hundred thirty-seven of this title where such tasks require no professional judgment. Such professional judgment shall only be exercised by a licensed pharmacist. A registered pharmacy technician may only practice in a facility licensed in accordance with article twenty-eight **or article thirty-six** of the public health law, or a pharmacy owned and operated by such a facility, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist employed [~~in~~] **by** such a facility or pharmacy. Such facility **or pharmacy** shall be responsible for ensuring that the registered pharmacy technician has received appropriate training to ensure competence before he or she begins assisting a licensed

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

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pharmacist in compounding, preparing, labeling, or dispensing of drugs, in accordance with this article and article one hundred thirty-seven of this title. For the purposes of this article, direct personal supervision means supervision of procedures based on instructions given directly by a supervising licensed pharmacist who remains in the immediate area where the procedures are being performed, authorizes the procedures and evaluates the procedures performed by the registered pharmacy technicians and a supervising licensed pharmacist shall approve all work performed by the registered pharmacy technician prior to the actual dispensing of any drug.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.