STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 25, 2021

Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to remote programs for mandatory continuing education

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6505-d to read as follows:

§ 6505-d. Remote programs for mandatory continuing education. 1. Whenever the practice of a profession which is licensed by the state, including the practice of law as governed by the chief administrator of the court of appeals and the rules of the appellate division of the supreme court, shall require the completion of mandatory continuing education, any program designed and approved to fulfill such requirement which is offered to be delivered electronically or by other remote means where the licensee must provide proof of attendance by responding to a visual or auditory prompt in the program, shall provide a sufficient length of time for a person with a visual or other disability to be able to view and respond to such prompt or direction. All remote programs for mandatory continuing education shall conform to the most recent guidelines for website content accessibility guidelines (WCAG).

2. A civil penalty of one thousand dollars may be imposed for each violation of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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