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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 Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for a certain amount of required clinical training and competency for licensing as a registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, and nurse practitioner to be completed through simulation experience

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6905 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 380 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (2) Education: have received an education, and a diploma or degree in
5 professional nursing, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations,
6 and in order to continue to maintain registration as a registered
7 professional nurse in New York state, have attained a baccalaureate
8 degree or higher in nursing within ten years of initial licensure in
9 accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and have participated in
10 supervised clinical training, clinical education, or the equivalent, as
11 determined by the department. The commissioner shall permit one-third of
12 such clinical training to be obtained through simulation experience
13 acceptable to the department and pursuant to regulation. Nothing in this
14 section shall prohibit an education program from providing greater than
15 one-third of such training through simulation experience, provided the
16 department has granted approval to do so prior to January first, two
17 thousand twenty-three. The department, in its discretion, may issue a
18 conditional registration to a licensee who fails to complete the bacca-
19 laureate degree but who agrees to meet the additional requirement within
20 one year. The fee for such a conditional registration shall be the same
21 as, and in addition to, the fee for the triennial registration. The
22 duration of such conditional registration shall be for one year and may
23 be extended, with the payment of a fee, for no more than one additional

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

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1 year, unless the applicant can show good cause for non-compliance
2 acceptable to the department. The department, in its discretion, may
3 issue a temporary educational exemption to a licensee who is unable to
4 complete the baccalaureate degree due to a lack of access to educational
5 programs. Licensees seeking a temporary educational exemption shall
6 provide evidence of applying on at least two occasions to a baccalau-
7 reate degree program or programs and subsequently being denied access to
8 such program or programs on at least two occasions due to there being a
9 limited number of seats. Such denials shall also be corroborated by the
10 higher education institution or institutions that the licensee applied
11 to. Temporary educational exemptions issued pursuant to this subdivision
12 shall be for a single two year period. Licensees shall only be eligible
13 for either a conditional registration or a temporary educational
14 exemption. The fee for such a temporary educational exemption shall be
15 the same as, and in addition to, the fee for the triennial registration.
16 Any licensee who is notified of the denial of a registration for failure
17 to complete the additional educational requirements and who practices as
18 a registered professional nurse without such registration may be subject
19 to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to section sixty-five hundred ten
20 of this title;

21 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 6906 of the education law, as amended by
22 chapter 330 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2) Education: have received an education including completion of high
24 school or its equivalent, and have completed a program in practical
25 nursing, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, or
26 completion of equivalent study satisfactory to the department in a
27 program conducted by the armed forces of the United States or in an
28 approved program in professional nursing, and have participated in
29 supervised clinical training, clinical education, or the equivalent, as
30 determined by the department. The commissioner shall permit one-third of
31 such clinical training to be obtained through simulation experience
32 acceptable to the department and pursuant to regulation. Nothing in this
33 section shall prohibit an education program from providing greater than
34 one-third of such training through simulation experience, provided the
35 department has granted approval to do so prior to January first, two
36 thousand twenty-three;

37 § 3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section
38 6910 of the education law, as added by chapter 257 of the laws of 1988,
39 is amended to read as follows:

40 (i) have satisfactorily completed educational preparation for
41 provision of these services in a program registered by the department or
42 in a program determined by the department to be the equivalent, and have
43 participated in supervised clinical training, clinical education, or the
44 equivalent, as determined by the department. The commissioner shall
45 permit one-third of such clinical training to be obtained through simu-
46 lation experience acceptable to the department and pursuant to regu-
47 lation. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an education program from
48 providing greater than one-third of such training through simulation
49 experience, provided the department has granted approval to do so prior
50 to January first, two thousand twenty-three. Provided however nothing
51 in this section shall reduce the in-person or direct care requirements
52 established by programmatic accreditors and certifying bodies; or

53 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
54 it shall have become a law.