

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 15, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to coroner qualifications

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

1 Section 1. Section 400 of the county law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 3-c to read as follows:

3 3-c. Coroner qualifications. Any elected or appointed coroner who is  
4 not a licensed physician shall be a registered nurse, nurse practitioner  
5 or physician's assistant duly licensed to practice medicine in this  
6 state or a medicolegal death investigator certified by the board of a  
7 professional organization accredited by the forensic specialties  
8 accreditation board, except that any coroner who is not so licensed as  
9 of the effective date of this subdivision may finish out their term.

10 § 2. Subdivision 4-b of section 400 of the county law, as added by  
11 chapter 897 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

12 4-b. Coroner's physician. Except in counties where the office of  
13 coroner has been abolished, the board of supervisors may appoint one or  
14 more coroner's physicians or may provide by local law for the appoint-  
15 ment of one or more coroner's physicians, and may fix the terms of their  
16 office. In any county in which the coroner or any of the coroners is  
17 not a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state, the  
18 board shall appoint one or more coroner's physicians who shall be duly  
19 licensed to practice medicine in this state.

20 Each coroner's physician appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall  
21 by virtue of [~~his~~] such office be a deputy coroner and shall possess the  
22 powers and perform the duties of the coroner, during the absence or  
23 inability of the coroner to act, or in the event of a vacancy in the  
24 office of coroner.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
26 law.

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

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