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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, SIMON, McDONALD, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to physician coursework or training in nutrition

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 264 to read as follows:

§ 264. Provision of information related to coursework and training in nutrition. 1. The department shall develop, maintain, and distribute to licensed physicians in the state a resource library related to continuing medical education courses and training opportunities regarding nutrition, which may include but not be limited to plant-based nutrition, clinically proven methods for the prevention, reversal, and treatment of diet-related illnesses, and informational resources regarding racial disparities in outcomes for diet-related diseases.

2. The resource library shall be made publicly available on the department's website, and shall be updated and redistributed no less frequently than every two years via email.

3. In compiling such resources, the department shall consult with organizations representative of professions, institutions of higher education, and those with expertise in nutrition and the prevention, reversal, and treatment of diet-related illnesses.

4. The department shall conduct a follow-up survey three years after the first distribution of the resource library to ascertain what proportion of physicians in the state voluntarily enrolled in nutrition continuing medical education courses and trainings to determine best practices for delivering information about the availability of such courses and trainings. The department shall make a report on the results of such survey available to the public on the department's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2024.

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

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