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:

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

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

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year 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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