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

AN ACT to amend the education law, the public health law and the civil practice law and rules, in relation to requiring applicants for certain nursing licenses and certifications to complete training in the prevention of human trafficking

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 63 to read as follows:

63. The commissioner shall consult and collaborate with the commissioner of health and appropriate organizations that have expertise in the prevention of human trafficking, as well as other interested parties, to establish and develop training within the department related to noticing signs and evidence of, and the prevention of, human trafficking. Such training shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations after consultation with the department of health and be designed to educate those seeking the license or certification of registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse practitioner, and clinical nurse specialist. The training shall be defined and ready for usage by license or certification applicants no later than three years after the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 2. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 32 to read as follows:

32. The commissioner shall assist the commissioner of education and consult and collaborate with appropriate organizations that have expertise in the prevention of human trafficking, as well as other interested parties, to establish and develop training within the department of education related to noticing signs and evidence of, and the prevention of, human trafficking for the purposes of educating those seeking

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

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license or certification as a registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse practitioner, and clinical nurse specialist.

§ 3. Section 6905 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

(2-a) Noticing the signs of and preventing human trafficking: have completed training in the prevention of human trafficking as designed and approved by the department;

§ 4. Section 6906 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

(2-a) Noticing the signs of and preventing human trafficking: have completed training in the prevention of human trafficking as designed and approved by the department;

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 6910 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Noticing the signs of and preventing human trafficking: have completed training in the prevention of human trafficking as designed and approved by the department;

§ 6. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 6911 of the education law, as added by chapter 364 of the laws of 2013, is amended and a new paragraph (c-1) is added to read as follows:

(c) (i) have satisfactorily completed an educational program registered by the department including a master's or doctoral degree, or a post-master's certificate from a program acceptable to the department which prepares graduates to practice as CNSs and which is accredited by a national nursing accredited body acceptable to the department, and (ii) meets all other requirements established by the department to practice as a clinical nurse specialist, or (iii) have received educational preparation determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph; [~~and~~]

(c-1) noticing the signs of and preventing human trafficking: have completed training in the prevention of human trafficking as designed and approved by the department; and

§ 7. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 of section 1349 of the civil practice law and rules, as added by chapter 655 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(f) In addition to amounts, if any, distributed pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subdivision, five percent of all moneys realized through forfeiture to the claiming agent in satisfaction of actual costs incurred for protecting, maintaining and forfeiting the property including that proportion of the salaries of attorneys, clerical and investigative personnel devoted thereto and with respect to all moneys realized through forfeiture which are remaining pursuant to this section to provide for the reimbursement of amounts actually expended for the development of a training program for nurses relating to human trafficking contained in sections sixty-nine hundred five, sixty-nine hundred six, sixty-nine hundred ten, and sixty-nine hundred eleven of the education law;

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections three, four, five, and six of this act shall take effect three years after this act shall have become a law.