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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, BRISPORT, BROUK, COONEY, GOUNARDES, HINCHEY, MAY, PARKER, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to establishing a program to incentivize unemployed individuals to enter jobs in healthcare

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

Section 1. Section 599 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Establishing eligible training programs and recruitment in the healthcare field. (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall maintain a list of positions in the healthcare field in which there are substantial staff shortages statewide and per region of the state, that is updated at least once every calendar year. Such list shall be established within sixty days of the effective date of this subdivision and shall be published on the department's website.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall establish a program eligible under this section that provides expedited training and certification processes for the healthcare positions on the list established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision that would be available to claimants eligible under this section. The department shall make information about such program available on its website. Such program shall be established within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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