STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 17, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to be eligible for a limited permit prior to graduation

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 7905 of the education law, as amended by chapter 460 of the laws of 2011 and paragraph (c) as added by chapter 329 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The following persons shall be eligible for a limited permit:

(a) An **applicant who meets all requirements for admission to the licensing examination for an** occupational therapist [~~who has graduated from an occupational therapy curriculum with a baccalaureate degree or certificate in occupational therapy which is substantially equivalent to a baccalaureate degree satisfactory to the board of occupational therapy~~] and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations; or

(b) A foreign occupational therapist who is in this country on a non-immigration visa for the continuation of occupational therapy study, pursuant to the exchange student program of the United States Department of State.

(c) An **applicant who meets all requirements for admission to the licensing examination for an** occupational therapy assistant [~~who has graduated from an accredited occupational therapy assistant curriculum with an associate's degree satisfactory to the board of occupational therapy~~] and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.

§ 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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