STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. OBERACKER -- 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 expanding the definition of professional misconduct

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

Section 1. Section 6509 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

(6-a) Refusing to provide professional services to a person referred for treatment by a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility or provider because such person declines elective services during the course of treatment, provided the declination does not render treatment medically unsafe or violate professional standards of care,

§ 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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