STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GIANARIS -- 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 veterinarians to provide free veterinary care services to individuals in shelters to receive mandatory continuing education credit

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 6704-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) Self-instructional coursework may include the provision of free veterinary care services to individuals receiving temporary housing assistance, which shall include but not be limited to, a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel providing temporary emergency shelter, an emergency apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a safe house for refugees, provided that such services be administered at practices, facilities and properties that are appropriately equipped and staffed to provide such services. The department may offset up to three hours of the requisite number of hours of continuing education required pursuant to this paragraph, at a rate of one-half of one hour of continuing education for each hour of free veterinary care services.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day 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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