

GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM BILL

2024

MEMORANDUM

AN ACT to amend part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 amending the public health law and the education law relating to allowing pharmacists to direct limited service laboratories and order and administer COVID-19 and influenza tests and modernizing nurse practitioners, and chapter 21 of the laws of 2011 amending the education law relating to authorizing pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part A); and to amend part U1 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the vehicle and traffic law and other laws relating to increasing certain motor vehicle transaction fees, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend part B of chapter 84 of the laws of 2002, amending the state finance law relating to the costs of the department of motor vehicles, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part B)

Purpose:

This bill contains various provisions of law proposed for the FY 2025 fiscal year that would otherwise expire on March 31, or April 1, 2024 and require continued authorization at this time.

Summary of Provisions:

Part A – Scope of Practice Extender

This bill would extend provisions of the Public Health Law and Education Law by authorizing pharmacists to be qualified health care professionals for purposes of directing limited-service laboratories and performing COVID-19 and influenza tests; extending amendments to the Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act which (1) remove the requirement for NPs with more than 3,600 hours to enter into a collaborative agreement with a physician, (2) remove the mandate to file protocols with the Department within ninety days; and (3) authorize physicians and certified nurse practitioners to order non-patient specific regimen to registered professional nurses COVID-19 tests and Flu tests, through July 1, 2026.

Part B – Authorization for Certain DMV Fees

This bill would extend the provisions of Section 1 of Part P of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, which authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect revenue from certain fees relating to motor vehicle transactions and the deposit of moneys collected from taxes imposed by Section 183 and 184 of Tax Law, by two years until April 1, 2026. Additionally, the bill would extend the provision that allows revenue in the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund to be used for DMV expenses.

Justification:

Enactment of these provisions will maintain continuity of critical state services and certain fees in the absence of an enacted FY 2025 Budget.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the applicable effective date of each part of this act shall be as specifically set forth in the last section of such part, and provided, further, that upon enactment of legislation constituting the FY 2025 Budget this act shall cease to have force and effect and shall be deemed repealed.