



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL # 55
CHAPTER # 737

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MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill 1880-A, entitled:

“AN ACT relating to requiring home health aides and nurse's aides to receive training in working with patients of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions”

A P P R O V E D

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to create a training program that focuses on working with patients of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. The training shall be required for all certifications and re-certifications of home health aides, personal care staff, and certified nurse's aides in the State.

The goals of this legislation are laudable. It is critical that health care professionals treat all patients with dignity and respect. However, this bill does not clearly specify the parameters of this training, including the method for how it should be delivered or the process for certification. I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to allow the Department of Health to define the process for this training in regulation to ensure the goals of the legislation are achieved effectively.

On the basis of that agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill into law.

This bill is approved.

Ruth Hochul