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S.5162 – Stavisky

The CSEA strongly supports this legislation.

This bill amends section 6807 of the Education Law to clarify tasks that can be performed by pharmacy technicians in hospitals and other Article 28 facilities.

Pharmacy technicians assist with important tasks such as filling orders and preparing them for delivery to patients. For many years, they have also helped with batching orders, including the preparation of generic mixtures of IV fluids. Recently, the State Education Department has determined that an interpretation of pharmacy technicians' scope of practice from the Board of Pharmacy was incorrect. Based on this interpretation, hospitals and pharmacists would be out of compliance with State law if they continued to allow technicians to batch orders and prepare IV fluids.

Pharmacy technicians are vital to the administration of timely and efficient patient care. By allowing them to continue the work they have already been doing for many years, this bill would protect the quality of patient care, and prevent disruptions and delays in hospital pharmacies.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA strongly urges the passage of this legislation.

Respectively submitted,

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