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## Governor Cuomo Signs Bill Into Law Requiring License for Personnel Who Operate Medical Equipment That Supports Heart and Lungs

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Senator John A. DeFrancisco announced that Governor Cuomo has signed his bill (S4640c) into law requiring a New York state permit for medical personnel, who operate equipment that supports a patient's heart and lungs during certain medical procedures.

"Currently, perfusionists, who are the operators of the equipment, are not required to be licensed or certified in New York state. This law requires that perfusionists obtain a permit and establish that they are regulated by the New York State Board of Education," said Senator DeFrancisco.

"Twenty-five percent of New York state's 200 perfusionists do not have appropriate credentials. This law will help to increase patient safety in our state by giving authority to an agency that can enforce professional standards and accountability," said Senator DeFrancisco.

There will be a transitional period, so medical facilities would not face a sudden employee shortage. The law will take effect on the 90th day after it becomes law.

