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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI, LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to advising human trafficking victims of the availability of social and legal services

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

1 Section 1. Section 483-cc of the social services law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Promptly upon an encounter with a person who reasonably appears to
4 a law enforcement agency or district attorney's office to be a human
5 trafficking victim, or a person who identifies himself or herself as a
6 human trafficking victim, such law enforcement agency or district attor-
7 ney's office shall advise such person of the availability of the
8 services of specific, established providers of social and legal services
9 to human trafficking victims. Unless, after receiving such advice, the
10 apparent victim expresses that he or she does not wish the presence of a
11 representative of such an established provider of social or legal
12 services, the law enforcement agency or district attorney's office shall
13 contact the appropriate provider and request that a representative be
14 provided. If the apparent victim does not wish the presence of such a
15 representative, that expression by the apparent victim shall be docu-
16 mented by the agency or office official in writing or other recorded
17 form. Nothing in this subdivision shall affect any obligation such law
18 enforcement agency or district attorney's office may have to provide any
19 information or assistance to such person.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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