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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to labeling of prescription drugs in languages other than English

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 26 to read as follows:

26. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE BY RULE AND REGULATION CRITERIA DIRECTING PHARMACIES TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE LABELS, WHICH INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING THE MEDICINE, IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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