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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 information disseminated to the public by the state board of professional medical conduct and by the department of health relating to health information

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

1     Section 1. Section 230 of the public health law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 20 to read as follows:  
3     20. ALL INFORMATION, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND DETERMINATIONS WHICH  
4     ARE AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC SHALL BE  
5     PUBLISHED IN BOTH WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC FORM IN THE EIGHT LANGUAGES  
6     WHICH ARE MOST SPOKEN IN THIS STATE.  
7     S 2. Section 2997-a of the public health law, as added by chapter 542  
8     of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:  
9     S 2997-a. Public access. 1. Nothing in this title shall abridge public  
10    access to information currently available or permitted by any other  
11    provision or rule of law. Nothing in this title shall not authorize the  
12    disclosure of otherwise confidential information, except pursuant to the  
13    express terms of this title.  
14    2. ALL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE  
15    SHALL BE PROVIDED IN BOTH WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC FORM IN THE EIGHT  
16    LANGUAGES WHICH ARE MOST SPOKEN IN THIS STATE.  
17    S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
18    it shall have become a law; provided that, effective immediately, any  
19    rules and regulations or any other action necessary to implement the  
20    provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed  
21    to be completed on or before such date.

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

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