STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 6, 2017

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the appointment of interpreters to be used in parole board proceedings

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

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 259-i of the executive law, as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

8. Foreign born or non-English speaking person before the board. Upon notification from the department pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-e of this article, or upon the request of any foreign born or non-English speaking person who is scheduled to participate in an interview, parole release hearing, preliminary hearing or revocation hearing, there shall be appointed **from the New York state office of general services statewide administrative services contract,** a qualified interpreter [~~who is certified by a recognized national or New York state credentialing authority~~] to interpret the proceedings to and the statements or testimony of such person. The board shall determine a reasonable fee for all such interpreting services, the cost of which shall be a charge upon the board of parole. No such request or appointment shall cause a delay of release from incarceration of such person.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 473 of the laws of 2016, takes effect.

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

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