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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI, LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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. In order to communicate effectively with
10 such person, the law enforcement agency or district attorney's office
11 may provide such individual with a brochure or other written material
12 translated into the six most common non-English languages spoken by
13 individuals with limited English proficiency in the state or in the
14 applicable county, city, or town; provided, however, where such person
15 is not proficient in one of such languages, the law enforcement agency
16 or district attorney's office shall make reasonable efforts to communi-
17 cate effectively with such person, using an interpreter or interpreta-
18 tion services, where practicable. Unless, after receiving such advice,
19 the apparent victim expresses that he or she does not wish the presence
20 of a representative of such an established provider of social or legal
21 services, the law enforcement agency or district attorney's office shall
22 contact the appropriate provider and request that a representative be

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

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1 provided. If the apparent victim does not wish the presence of such a
2 representative, that expression by the apparent victim shall be docu-
3 mented by the agency or office official in writing or other recorded
4 form. Nothing in this subdivision shall affect any obligation such law
5 enforcement agency or district attorney's office may have to provide any
6 information or assistance to such person.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.