

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 19, 2020

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

AN ACT in relation to requiring that COVID-19 contact tracers be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent practicable; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The department of health and any other state agency, the
2 New York city department of health and mental hygiene and any other New
3 York city agency, and any entity within the New York city health and
4 hospitals corporation that hires persons after the effective date of
5 this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections
6 within the city of New York, shall hire contact tracers who are repre-
7 sentative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in
8 which they serve to the greatest extent practicable.
9 § 2. The department of health, the New York city department of health
10 and mental hygiene, and the New York city health and hospitals corpo-
11 ration shall annually submit a report on contact tracer worker diversity
12 including outreach efforts to recruit a diverse workforce to the gover-
13 nor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assem-
14 bly beginning no later than December 31, 2020.
15 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
16 deemed repealed January 1, 2022.

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

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