STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 18, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the labor law and the executive law, in relation to certificates of English language acquisition completion for immigrants

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

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 44 to read as follows:

§ 44. Certificates of English language acquisition completion. 1. The commissioner, in conjunction and in collaboration with the office for new Americans, shall establish criteria for English language courses and programs which upon successful completion shall lead to the issuance of a certificate of English language acquisition completion. Such courses and programs shall be offered to immigrants, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section ninety-four-b of the executive law, and may be offered in person or via a website, application, or cell phone.

2. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of English language acquisition completion to any immigrant who successfully completes an approved English language course or program as determined by the commissioner.

3. The commissioner, in conjunction and in collaboration with the office for new Americans shall design and make available the following certificates:

(a) Certificates of English language acquisition completion to certify successful completion of a first or basic level English language course or program.

(b) Advanced certificates of English language acquisition completion to certify successful completion of an advanced level English language course or program.

4. Each certificate of English language acquisition completion shall indicate that the enrollee or participant successfully completed the

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

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applicable course, program or level of such course or program. Such certificates shall bear the logos of the department and the office for new Americans, the New York state seal, and shall be signed, in person or electronically, by the commissioner and the secretary of state.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 94-b of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

(o) Assist the commissioner of labor in establishing criteria for English language courses and programs and carrying out the responsibilities set forth in section forty-four of the labor law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. 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 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.