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:

Section 1. The department of health and any other state agency, the New York city department of health and mental hygiene and any other New York city agency, and any entity within the New York city health and hospitals corporation that hires persons after the effective date of this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections within the city of New York, shall hire contact tracers who are representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent practicable.

§ 2. The department of health, the New York city department of health and mental hygiene, and the New York city health and hospitals corporation shall annually submit a report on contact tracer worker diversity including outreach efforts to recruit a diverse workforce to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly beginning no later than December 31, 2020.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2022.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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