

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 3, 2020

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

AN ACT to require that COVID-19 contact tracers in the counties of Suffolk and Nassau be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent possible; 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 Suffolk County department of health services and any
2 other Suffolk County agency, and any entity that hires persons after the
3 effective date of this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to
4 COVID-19 infections within the county of Suffolk, shall, to the greatest
5 extent possible, hire contact tracers who are representative of the
6 cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they
7 serve.

8 § 2. The Suffolk County department of health services shall annually
9 submit a report on contact tracer worker diversity within the county of
10 Suffolk including outreach efforts to recruit a diverse workforce to the
11 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
12 assembly beginning no later than December 31, 2020.

13 § 3. The Nassau County department of health and any other Nassau Coun-
14 ty agency, and any entity that hires persons after the effective date of
15 this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections
16 within the county of Nassau, shall, to the greatest extent possible,
17 hire contact tracers who are representative of the cultural and linguis-
18 tic diversity of the communities in which they serve.

19 § 4. The Nassau County department of health shall annually submit a
20 report on contact tracer worker diversity within the county of Nassau
21 including outreach efforts to recruit a diverse workforce to the gover-
22 nor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assem-
23 bly beginning no later than December 31, 2020.

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25 deemed repealed January 1, 2022.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