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:

Section 1. The Suffolk County department of health services and any other Suffolk County agency, and any entity that hires persons after the effective date of this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections within the county of Suffolk, shall, to the greatest extent possible, hire contact tracers who are representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve.

§ 2. The Suffolk County department of health services shall annually submit a report on contact tracer worker diversity within the county of Suffolk 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. The Nassau County department of health and any other Nassau County agency, and any entity that hires persons after the effective date of this act to perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections within the county of Nassau, shall, to the greatest extent possible, hire contact tracers who are representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve.

§ 4. The Nassau County department of health shall annually submit a report on contact tracer worker diversity within the county of Nassau 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.

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 This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2022.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