

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

July 20, 2020

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

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 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 department of health, a county department of health, or  
2 other entity that hires persons after the effective date of this act to  
3 perform contact tracing pertaining to COVID-19 infections, except within  
4 a city with a population of one million or more, 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. Each county department of health, except in a city with a popu-  
9 lation of one million or more, shall compile data collected by each  
10 entity, when applicable, and post information on their website about  
11 contact tracer worker diversity within the county. Such information  
12 shall be updated annually.

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14 deemed repealed January 1, 2022.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