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Introduced by M. of A. NIOU -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to requiring the office of information technology services to cooperate with all state agencies in the implementation of language translation technology

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

Section 1. Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

8-a. (a) To advise and assist state agencies in the implementation of language translation technology on state agency websites containing information about the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") or programs, benefits or services related to COVID-19 within thirty days of the effective date of this subdivision; and on all state agency websites within ninety days of the effective date of this subdivision.

(b) Such language translation technology shall, at a minimum, allow users to translate the text of state agency websites into at least the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States census data.

(c) As used in this subdivision, the term "state agency website" shall mean an internet website operated by or for a state agency. Such term shall include those websites operated on behalf of state agencies by other public or private entities, but shall not include any portions of the internet outside the control of the state agency.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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