STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. NIOU -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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. Subdivision 8-a of section 103 of the state technology law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the state technology law relating to requiring the office of information technology services to cooperate with all state agencies in the implementation of language translation technology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4716-A and A. 6215-A, is amended 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~~] sixty days of the effective date of this subdivision; and on all state agency websites within [~~ninety days~~] six months 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 on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the state technology law relating to requiring the office of information technology services to cooperate with all state agencies in the implementation of language translation technology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4716-A and A. 6215-A, takes effect.

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

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