STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring translations of a patient's rights; and in relation to the posting of information relating to the long-term care ombudsman program

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

Section 1. Section 2803-c of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. The department shall translate and make available to all facilities the statement in the six most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in New York state as based on the most recent census. Each facility shall post and make available copies of said statement for residents.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-c-1 to read as follows:

§ 2803-c-1. Rights of patients in certain medical facilities; long-term care ombudsman program. The commissioner shall require that every nursing home and residential health care facility providing health related service, as defined in subdivisions two and three and paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred one of this article, prominently post in each resident's room, contact information for the state and regional offices of the long term care ombudsman program as provided for in section two hundred eighteen of the elder law, as well as contact information for the facility representative. Such nursing homes and residential health care facilities shall also provide updated contact information for the state and regional offices and facility representatives to all residents and their families twice a year.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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