STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 12, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to requiring the workers' compensation board to provide translations of certain documents and forms

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 17-a of the workers' compensation law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the workers' compensation law relating to providing language access services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1022-A and A. 6466-A, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board shall provide translation of **(a)** all documents and forms [~~used by or issued to injured employees~~] **published by the board that injured employees complete; and (b) all board documents that provide general information to injured employees on the process of applying for workers' compensation benefits**. The translation shall be in the ten most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the state of New York.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of laws of 2021 amending the workers' compensation law relating to providing language access services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1022-A and A. 6466-A, takes effect.

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

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