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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 other
state agencies in the implementation of language translation technolo-
gy

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

1   Section 1. Section 101 of the state technology law is amended by
2 adding three new subdivisions 6, 7 and 8 to read as follows:
3   6. "State agency" means agency as used under subdivision one of
4 section ninety-two of the public officers law.
5   7. "State agency website" means an internet website operated by or for
6 a state agency. Such term shall include those websites operated on
7 behalf of state agencies by other public or private entities, but shall
8 not include any portions of the internet outside the control of the
9 state agency.
10   8. "User" means any natural person who uses the internet to access a
11 state agency website.
12   § 2.   Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by adding a
13 new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:
14   8-a. (a) To advise and assist state agencies in the implementation of
15 language translation technology on state agency websites containing
16 information about the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") or programs, bene-
17 fits or services related to COVID-19 within thirty days of the effective
18 date of this subdivision; and on all other state agency websites within
19 ninety days of the effective date of this subdivision.
20   (b) Such language translation technology shall, at a minimum, allow
21 users to translate the text of state agency websites into at least the
22 six most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limit-
23 ed-English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States
24 census data.
25   § 3. 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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