STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. WALLACE -- read once and referred 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:

1	Section 1. Section 2803-c of the public health law is amended by
2	adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:
3	6. The department shall translate and make available to all facilities
4	the statement in the six most common non-English languages spoken by
5	individuals with limited-English proficiency in New York state as based
б	on the most recent census. Each facility shall post and make available
7	copies of said statement for residents.
8	§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-c-1
9	to read as follows:
10	<u>§ 2803-c-1. Rights of patients in certain medical facilities; long-</u>
11	term care ombudsman program. The commissioner shall require that every
12	nursing home and residential health care facility providing health
13	related service, as defined in subdivisions two and three and paragraph
14	(b) of subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred one of this
15	article, prominently post in each resident's room, contact information
16	for the state and regional offices of the long term care ombudsman
17	program as provided for in section two hundred eighteen of the elder
18	law, as well as contact information for the facility representative.
19	Such nursing homes and residential health care facilities shall also
20	provide updated contact information for the state and regional offices
21	and facility representatives to all residents and their families twice a
22	year.
23	§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
24	the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect on the one
25	hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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