

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 3, 2021

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:

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  
6 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 § 2803-c-1. Rights of patients in certain medical facilities; long-  
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 italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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