STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 27, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. BERGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring any website or mobile application associated with an electronic benefit transfer system to be offered in multiple languages

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

Section 1. Section 21-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. (a) Any companion website or mobile application associated with an electronic benefit transfer system implemented pursuant to this section that is accessible by benefit recipients shall be made available in over one hundred languages, including both common and esoteric languages as identified by the department.

(b) Any companion website or mobile application associated with an electronic benefit transfer system implemented pursuant to this section that is accessible by benefit recipients shall provide for the translation of any documents made available for viewing on such companion website or mobile application in over one hundred languages, including both common and esoteric languages as identified by the department.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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