

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 27, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 common non-English languages

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

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

3 3. (a) Any companion website or mobile application associated with an  
4 electronic benefit transfer system implemented pursuant to this section  
5 that is accessible by benefit recipients shall be made available in the  
6 ten most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limit-  
7 ed-English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States  
8 census data.

9 (b) Any companion website or mobile application associated with an  
10 electronic benefit transfer system implemented pursuant to this section  
11 that is accessible by benefit recipients shall provide for the trans-  
12 lation of any documents made available for viewing on such companion  
13 website or mobile application in the ten most common non-English  
14 languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the  
15 state of New York, based on United States census data.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
17 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
18 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
19 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
20 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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