STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2025

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 the twelve most common non-English 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 the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state, based on data in the most recent American Community Survey published by the United States Census Bureau.

(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 the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state, based on data in the most recent American Community Survey published by the United States Census Bureau.

§ 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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