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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to issue an annual report on maternal mortality

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.3 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.3 Maternal mortality annual report. a. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Maternal health. The term “maternal health” means the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period.

Maternal mortality. The term “maternal mortality” means the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of the termination of pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management.

b. No later than September 30, 2017, and not later than September 30 annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker and publish in the annual summary of vital statistics the most recent calendar year data available regarding maternal mortality in New York City, to the extent such data is made available to the department, including, but not limited to:

1. The number of maternal mortalities, disaggregated by race or ethnicity and borough of residence;
2. The maternal mortality ratio, disaggregated by race or ethnicity and borough of residence where

available and statistically reliable;

3. Recommendations regarding actions the department, the mayor, and the Council can take to improve maternal health, particularly in disproportionately impacted communities, and reduce maternal mortality; and

4. An update on the implementation of the recommendations made in previous reports made pursuant to this section regarding actions that the department or mayor can take to improve maternal health and reduce maternal mortality, if any.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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