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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to chokeholds.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-172 to read as follows:

§ 10-172. Chokeholds.

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section "chokehold" means to wrap an arm around or grip the

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neck in a manner that limits or cuts off either the flow of air by compressing the windpipe, or the flow of blood through the carotid arteries on each side of the neck.

- b. Chokehold prohibited. No person shall use a chokehold in the course of effecting or attempting to effect an arrest.
- c. Penalties. Any person who violates subdivision b of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or both.
- d. Any penalties resulting from a violation of subdivision b of this section shall not limit or preclude any cause of action available to any person or entity injured or aggrieved by such violation.
 - § 2. This local law shall take effect 60 days after its enactment into law.

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