

Legislation Text

Int. No. 1407

By Council Members Espinal and Deutsch

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring hotels to periodically inspect for bedbugs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 27-2018 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d, to read as follows:

d. All hotels shall conduct inspections for bedbugs at least once every six months.

1. All such inspections shall be conducted by a pest control professional qualified to identify and exterminate bedbugs.

2. For one calendar year following any inspection that identifies bedbugs or any substantiated complaint of bedbugs in a hotel by any person, such hotel shall conduct inspections for bedbugs at least once every three months.

3. A hotel's annual property registration, submitted to the department pursuant to article 2 of subchapter 4 of the housing maintenance code, shall include documentation of each inspection conducted during the 12month period before the date of the registration, including the results of such inspections.

4. Any hotel that violates this subdivision or any rules promulgated thereunder is liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for a first violation and \$1,000 for any subsequent violation within a 12-month period.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law, except that the department may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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