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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York city police department to permit arrestees to access contact information

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-168 to read as follows:

§ 14-168 Arrestee contact information. The department, to the extent practicable and in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and officer safety, shall offer individuals while in the department's custody and due to be arraigned within 24 hours the opportunity to obtain personal contact information that such individual may require and which is stored in such individual's personal property, provided that any member of the department who requests access to such individual's property pursuant to this section shall request access only for the purpose of obtaining such contact information and for no other purpose. The provisions of this section shall not permit a person in the department's custody and due to be arraigned within 24 hours access to such property for any purpose other than obtaining personal contact information, or to "arrest evidence" as defined in the rules of the city of New York, or to any property that constitutes relevant evidence of a crime.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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