



Legislation Text

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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to post quarterly reports on its website relating to the use of “seat belt holds” and “chokeholds.”

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-175 to read as follows:

§14-175. Use of “seat belt holds” and “chokeholds”. a. Definitions. The following definitions are applicable to this section:

1. “Chokehold” shall mean to wrap an arm around or grip a person’s neck in a manner that may limit or cut 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.

2. “Seat belt hold” shall mean to wrap an arm over a person’s shoulder with the other arm wrapped under the opposite armpit with hands clasped together in front of the body.

b. Use of “seat belt hold” and “chokehold” reports. The commissioner shall post a report on the department website within twenty days of the beginning of each fiscal year quarter containing information pertaining to the use of force for the prior quarter. Such quarterly report shall include: (1) the total number of “seat belt holds”; and (2) the total number of “seat belt holds” that were deemed failed and resulted in the use of a “chokehold.”

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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