

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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May 24, 2010  
Start: 1:05 pm  
Recess: 1:10 pm

HELD AT: 250 Broadway  
Hearing Room, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

B E F O R E:  
ERIK MARTIN DILAN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Gale A. Brewer  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth S. Crowley  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Robert Jackson  
Brad S. Lander  
Rosie Mendez  
James S. Oddo  
Joel Rivera  
Eric A. Ulrich  
Jumaane D. Williams

CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Okay, good morning. I am Erik Martin Dilan. I'm the chair of the City Council's Housing and Buildings Committee. I'd like to thank everybody for attending this hearing on the proposed Intro 68a for the purposes of a vote. It's a local law to amend the code of the city of New York in relations to penalties for unlicensed plumbing and fire suppression work in the city of New York. The bill would amend the code to increase penalties for those who perform plumbing or fire suppression work without the required master plumber's license or a master fire suppression contractor's license. Currently, engaging in any business or occupation without a required license is classified as an immediately hazardous violation. A license is required in the city to perform plumbing or fire suppression piping work. This bill would increase the fine or civil penalty that can be levied for these types of violations from not less than \$1,000 to \$25,000 to each violation to not less than \$2,500 for the first offense and not less than \$5,000 for each subsequent offense. The bill has been amended

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2 from its original version by lowering the civil  
3 and criminal penalties from \$5,000 for a first  
4 offense and \$10,000 for a subsequent offense to  
5 \$2,500 for a first offense and \$5,000 for each  
6 subsequent offense as I said in my opening. Also,  
7 deleted from the bill, the bill deletes Section  
8 Two, since the minimum criminal fines that may be  
9 imposed were included in Section One of the  
10 amended legislation, I would like to ask my  
11 colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation  
12 and would like to ask the clerk to call the roll.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
14 Committee clerk, roll call in the Committee on  
15 Housing and Buildings, Introduction 68-a. Council  
16 Member Dilan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote

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aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote

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aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 12 in

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the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please

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sign the committee report. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Alright, this

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committee on the Housing and Buildings is now

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adjourned.

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[gavel bangs]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park-Boudreau certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature                     *Sung Bin Park-Boudreau*                    

Date            May 28, 2010