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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Lynn C. Schulman, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Harvey D. Epstein
Christopher Marte
Mercedes Narcisse

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 mic check for the Committee on Health. Today's date
4 is February 11, 2026. We are in Hearing Room 2, and
5 this is being recorded by Michael Kane (phonetic).

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to the New York City Council Committee on
8 Health.

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10 vibrant mode.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Thank you. Good
13 morning, everyone. My name is Lynn Schulman, Chair of
14 the New York City Council's Committee on Health. I am
15 sorry I'm not there in person. I'm under the weather
16 today, but I really appreciate everybody being there.
17 I want to welcome you all to today's vote. We've been
18 joined by the following Council Members, Council
19 Member Marte, Council Member Ariola, Council Member
20 Narcisse, and Council Member Epstein.

21 Today, we'll be voting on Proposed
22 Introduction 437-A, sponsored by myself. This
23 legislation would require DOHMH to provide guidance
24 to prospective child care programs when they apply
25 for a permit pursuant to Article 47 of the Health

2 Code. The safety of children is of paramount
3 importance, and Article 47 exists to ensure their
4 safety in child care settings. With the passage of
5 this legislation, DOHMH would be required to specify
6 what exactly is required under the Health Code when
7 licenses, approvals, and permits required by agencies
8 other than DOHMH must be acquired, and the best order
9 to attain them in. This bill will help ensure that
10 the City's requirements to operate child care
11 facilities are clearly conveyed with the goal of
12 saving child care facilities time and ultimately
13 saving families money.

14 I want to thank the Speaker and my
15 Colleagues for supporting this legislation. I also
16 want to thank Legislative Staff, my Staff, and
17 advocates for their hard work in moving this bill
18 forward.

19 With that, I pass it to the Clerk to call
20 the roll.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
22 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
23 Roll call vote, Committee on Health. Proposed
24 Introduction 437-A.

25 Chair Schulman?

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2 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
4 you.

5 Gennaro. Marte.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

9 Congratulations, Chair.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder.
11 Epstein.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

15 Congratulations, Chair.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
17 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
18 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
19 by the Committee.

20 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Thank you,
21 everybody, and now I close out these proceedings. The
22 hearing is now over. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date February 17, 2026