

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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ROOM 3

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Simcha Felder
Oswald Feliz
Kristy Marmorato
Mercedes Narcisse
Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Testing, testing. This
3 is a microphone test for the New York City Council
4 Committee on Health. Recorded on December 4, 2025. We
5 are located in 250 Broadway, Hearing Room 3. Recorded
6 by Sergeant Ben Levy.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
8 to the New York City Council Committee on Health.

9 At this time, we ask that you please
10 silence all electronics and at no point, please do
11 not approach the dais.

12 Chair, you may begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Thank you. [GAVEL]
14 Good morning, everyone. My name is Lynn Schulman,
15 Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on
16 Health. I want to welcome you all to today's vote.
17 We've been joined by the following Council Members:
18 Narcisse, De La Rosa, Ariola, Zhuang, Felder. Okay,
19 is there anybody in the remote?

20 Today, we'll be voting on Proposed
21 Introduction 895-A, sponsored by Council Member Julie
22 Menin and myself. This bill would require schools and
23 certain child care programs to stock epinephrine
24 devices. These epinephrine devices or EpiPens are a
25 lifeline. According to the Allergy and Asthma

Network, 25 percent of severe allergic reactions in school occur without a prior diagnosis. These children and their parents would not know they need an EpiPen until it's too late. Meanwhile, the cost of two generic EpiPens can range from 100 to 500 dollars without insurance, so those children who have a prior diagnosis may find the cost of life-saving treatments prohibitively expensive. This bill solves both problems. It ensures that any child suffering a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction has access to the care they need at school or at a school-based child care facility. Whether they are unable to acquire the treatment due to cost or they simply don't know they need it, ensuring schools and child care programs stock EpiPens is a critical stopgap. It ensures that even in worst-case scenarios, our children's lives are protected.

I want to thank my Colleagues, especially my co-sponsor Julie Menin, Legislative Staff, and the advocates for their tireless work in moving this bill forward.

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

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
3 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
4 vote Committee on Proposed Introduction 895-A.

5 Chair Schulman.

6 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan.
8 Gennaro. Feliz. De La Rosa.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.
11 Narcisse.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye and
13 congratulations to the bill.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
19 Marmorato. Ariola.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
22 vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
23 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
24 Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: I want to keep the
3 vote open.

4 Thank you, everyone.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Quiet,
6 please. Continuation roll call, Committee on Health.

7 Council Member Feliz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
10 you, sir.

11 Vote is currently at seven in the
12 affirmative, and the roll is still held open at
13 request of the Chair.

14 Continuation roll call, Committee on
15 Health. Proposed Introduction 895-A.

16 Council Member Marmorato.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on
18 all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
20 now eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
21 and no abstentions.

22 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: I now conclude the
23 hearing of the Health Committee. Thank you. [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 December 15, 2025