

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

Prime Sponsors:

Virginia Maloney

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to education and outreach about Legionnaires' disease and disease outbreaks

Submitted by:

Council Member Virginia Maloney

Justification:

Legionnaires' disease, and subsequent outbreaks, has been a perilous force impacting New York City residents for years. However, residents and health providers have been provided limited education on the disease's mode of transmission, symptoms, and average incubation period. Without the knowledge of how to identify and avoid the transmission of Legionnaires' disease, NYC residents are placed in a vulnerable position.

This bill would require that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) conduct a public awareness campaign about Legionnaires' disease risks, symptoms, prevention and treatment, as well as about Legionnaires' disease outbreaks in NYC. Educational outreach will be a crucial step in combatting the spread of Legionnaires' disease, ensuring that proactive steps of transmission reduction are known and utilized.