CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:
289

INITIAL SPONSORS:
Council Members Cumbo, Williams, and Deutsch

TITLE:
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of housing applications in multiple languages by the department of housing preservation and development.

BILL SUMMARY:
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Title 8 of the New York City Administrative Code requires certain agencies to provide materials in languages other than English, but the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) is not currently subject to this requirement. This bill would require HPD to make all applications and corresponding instruction materials available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, and Spanish and allow HPD to use additional languages at its discretion. It would also require HPD to provide a notice, listing all the languages in which applications are available, with all application forms, on HPD's website, and in areas of HPD offices that are open to the public.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:
*   Adds Administrative Code § 27-2095.1

EFFECTIVE DATE:
120 days after enactment.

NOTE: When reading the full text of the bill online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language that is enclosed by [brackets] is proposed to be removed, and language that is underlined is proposed to be added.