

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

Proposed Int. 216-A

INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Member Levine (by request of the Manhattan Borough President)

TITLE:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the number of accessible pedestrian signals.

BILL SUMMARY:

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An accessible pedestrian signal (“APS”) is a device that communicates information about pedestrian timing in nonvisual format such as audible tones, verbal messages, and vibrating surfaces. APS can provide information to pedestrians about the existence of and location of the pushbutton, the beginning of the “WALK” interval, the direction of the crosswalk and location of the destination curb. In 2012, the Council enacted a local law requiring the New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) to establish an APS program and annually install accessible pedestrian signals at each corner of 25 identified intersections.

Under the proposed local law, DOT would be required to install at least 100 accessible pedestrian signals at intersections where the agency plans to install a protected bicycle lane, an exclusive pedestrian signal (pedestrians may proceed only when all conflicting vehicle movements are stopped), or leading pedestrian signal (pedestrians may proceed before motorists have a green signal). Further, DOT would be required to install at least 50 accessible pedestrian signals each year at any intersection where a protected bicycle lane, an exclusive pedestrian signal, or leading pedestrian signal was installed before the effective date of this proposed local law

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

- Amends section of 19-188 of the Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

180 days after enactment into law.

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