



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 260-A

COMMITTEE: Governmental Operations

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the City Clerk to provide the public with certain information regarding same sex marriages.

SPONSORS: The Speaker (Council Member Quinn) and Council Members Brewer, Comrie, Dromm, Fidler, James, Koslowitz, Lander, Lappin, Palma, Van Bramer and Mark-Viverito

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would amend Chapter 2 of title 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York by adding a new section 3-207.1. This section would mandate three things. First, it would require the City Clerk's office to post on its website section relating to marriage, domestic partner or other similar subjects (i) a list of all domestic and international jurisdictions that perform same sex marriages; and (ii) a prescribed statement alerting the public, among other things, that, "Lawfully married individuals, including individuals in same sex marriages, are entitled to more New York State rights and benefits than those registered as domestic partners here in New York City." Second, it would require the City Clerk's office to prominently display in its Marriage Bureau, and distribute free of charge in hard copy, all of the information that is required under this local law to be available on the internet. Third, it would require the Clerk's Office to make reasonable efforts to keep said information current.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect 30 days after its enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: NA

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY11
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: This legislation would have no impact on revenues.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: This legislation would have a limited impact on expenditures, such impact consisting solely of the costs to produce the required hard copy information regarding same sex marriage, domestic partnership, and the relative rights and benefits associated therewith. These costs (which the City Clerk's Office reports will be less than \$2,500), along with the maintenance of the agency's website, can be accomplished using the City Clerk's existing resources.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: NA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division, City Clerk's Office

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HISTORY: On June 9, 2010, Intro. 260 was introduced by the Council and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations. On June 16, 2010, the Committee held a hearing regarding this legislation, which was then laid over. On June 25, 2010, the Committee is expected to vote on an amended version, Proposed Intro. 260-A.