**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 76-A

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Brannan, Gennaro, Cabán, Yeger, Brooks-Powers, Richardson Jordan, Avilés, Schulman, Farías, Holden, Lee, Williams, Kagan, Nurse, Narcisse, Dinowitz, Joseph, Louis, Mealy, Ariola, Vernikov and Paladino

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation establishing a program to provide financial assistance for the purchase and installation of backwater valves

**Bill Summary:**

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this bThis bill would require that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) establish a financial assistance program to reduce the costs of purchasing and installing backwater valves. This bill would also require that DEP, in consultation with other agencies or offices as designated by the Mayor, complete a study that evaluates where backwater valves should be installed to mitigate damage caused by backflow. The study would be posted on the DEP website and submitted to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council. The financial assistance program would be informed by the findings of such study and subject to appropriation. This bill would also require DEP to prioritize neighborhoods regularly affected by backflow events and conduct outreach and education to property owners about the benefits of backwater valves.

**Effective Date:**

Immediately

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[x]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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