**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 963

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Hanif, Abreu, Rivera, Richardson Jordan, Krishnan, Cabán, Avilés, Gutiérrez, Nurse, Marte and Brewer

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the keeping, restraint, or possession of elephants

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would prohibit the keeping, restraint, or possession of elephants in the city unless certain enumerated conditions concerning adequate habitat and treatment are met. The bill would prohibit the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from issuing a permit for the exhibition, use, or display of an elephant unless those conditions were met. In addition, a person keeping, restraining, or possessing an elephant in violation of this bill would be liable to pay a civil penalty of $1,000 per day. The bill would allow any person to seek to enjoin violations in court.

**Effective Date:**

90 days after becoming law

**Legislative Impact:**

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

[ ]  **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 would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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