



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

**PROPOSED INT. NO. 64-A**

**COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings**

**TITLE A** Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the electrical code, the repeal of section 27-3025 of the administrative code of the city of New York and the enactment of a new section 27-3025.

**SPONSORS:** By Council Members Dilan, Gonzalez Koo and Ulrich (by request of the Mayor).

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** As required by Local Law number 64 for the year 2001 Int. No. 64-A would update the current Electrical Code by adopting the 2008 version of the National Electrical Code (NEC) and making several technical and administrative amendments to the Electrical Code. Specifically this bill would add administrative and technical amendments to the Electrical Code which include the following: 1) outlining licensees' business requirements; 2) authorizing the suspension of electrical permits without notice in cases of imminent peril to life or property; 3) adopting enforcement provisions of Title 28, including the authority to have the Environmental Control Board adjudicate violations for infractions of the Electrical Code; 4) authorizing the Commissioner of Buildings to impose certain disciplinary actions under certain conditions and 5) granting the Commissioner certain rule making authority.

The main technical amendments to the Electrical Code relate to the transmission of electricity for light, heat, power, signaling, communication, alarm and data transmission include: 1) defining the arrangement of circuit wiring (selective coordination) to prevent or minimize short circuiting and arc-faults; 2) adopting fire alarm system requirements for power and wiring which were previously in the Building Code; 3) requiring that sidewalk shed lighting installations must comply with electrical requirements and take into account outdoor use and other relevant conditions and 4) requiring a detailed diagram of solar photovoltaic systems to be available to the Department of Buildings rather than to be approved for use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would apply to work performed on and after July 1, 2011; however, through December 31, 2011, electrical work may be performed either in accordance with the old Code or in accordance with the standards set forth in the new Code at the option of the authorized person performing such work.

**FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

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

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** There would be no impact on revenues as a result of this legislation.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** There would be no impact on expenditures as a result of this legislation. Although this legislation may result in costs savings of electrical work due to the use of new technology, Proposed Int. No. 64-A represents updates the previously adopted NEC standards as opposed to a comprehensive overhaul of the Electrical Code, thereby making any savings or costs to the City too small to have an impact on expenditures.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

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**HISTORY:** Introduced by City Council and referred to Housing and Buildings Committee as Int. No. 64 on March 3, 2010. Hearing held by Committee on September 21, 2010, and the bill was laid over. An amendment has been proposed, and this legislation will be voted by Committee on June 14, 2011 as Proposed Int. No. 64-A.