

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

[Int. No. 578](#)

INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Member Richards

TITLE:

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to limiting nighttime illumination for certain buildings.

BILL SUMMARY:

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The local law prohibits nighttime illumination of the exterior or interior of any building whose main use or dominant occupancy is classified in group B or M pursuant to the New York City building code. Small stores are exempted and certain landmarked buildings may apply for a waiver of this requirement. Where a building owner has made a showing of special circumstances indicating a need for night security lighting the department may vary or waive the requirements of this section. Buildings may remain illuminated where individuals remain inside and where nighttime illumination is required by law, rule or zoning resolution. Seasonal displays may be illuminated until midnight and storefront displays are permitted limited illumination until midnight.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

- Amends Administrative Code title 24, subchapter 2 by adding a new section 24-116.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

120 days after enactment, except that the commissioner of environmental protection and chair of the landmarks preservation commission shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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