

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

Committee on Health

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April 19, 2016

Start Time: 10:33 a.m.

End Time: 10:59 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:

Corey Johnson
Chairperson of Council Committee
on Health

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ARROYO
MENDEZ
VAN BRAMER
BARRON
CORNEGY
ESPINAL

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Steve Mathew

David M. Schizer

Louis Sheldon Brown

Peter Spenser

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CHAIRPERSON COREY JOHNSON: Good morning, everyone. I am council Corey Johnson chair of the councils committee on health. Thank you for joining us for today's vote on proposed introduction #902A a bill that require the presence of defibrillator at the City owned baseball fields, where Youth League play. The City would be providing defibrillators to the Leagues along with training in their use. I want to thank, my good friend and our minority leader Steve Mathew, who had shown tremendous leadership on this issue. I am happy to join him a cosponsoring this important legislation.

This bill is about preventing sports related deaths in young athletes. The leading cause of death for young athlete is genetic condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, commonly known as enlarged heart, which can lead the cardiac arrest. Commotio Cordis is the second highest cause of death and typically involves young, predominantly male athletes, who experienced a sudden, blunt trauma to the anterior chest resulting in cardiac arrest and sudden death. Baseball is most common sports in which this condition occurs.

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2 In AED, an automated external
3 defibrillator is the only effective treatment for
4 restoring regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac
5 arrest and it's easy to operate tool by someone with
6 no medical background. More than 95% of patients,
7 who received a defibrillation shock in the first
8 minute of cardiac arrest survived. AED are simple
9 easily use and save lives. The benefits of having
10 these life saving devices widely accessible is
11 indisputable.

12 Just yesterday the New York Times, run a
13 piece on their website about sports related deaths
14 among young athletes. The article made clear that
15 government is not doing enough to protect kids on the
16 playing fields and I am produce that New York City
17 Council and minority leader have worked so hard and
18 taken this significant step towards protecting our
19 young people when they play baseball. It has been a
20 long journey to get it today. It has been a long
21 process and I am really proud of the work that we
22 have been able to do together to hearing we had last
23 year was very, very moving and we learned a lot of
24 about this issue in New York City. So, I am very,
25 very proud to vote, Aye. Today, I congratulate my

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2 friend and colleague Steve Mathew and urge my
3 colleagues to vote, aye.

4 Lastly, I want to thank the committee
5 council David M. Schizer the committee analyst
6 Crystal Pond. My legislative director Louis Sheldon
7 Brown and Peter Spenser from the minority leader
8 office and with that I vote, aye and I turned it over
9 to the council members Mathew to make a statement.

10 Mathew: Thank you chair Johnson for
11 brief because I know everyone is excited in this room
12 with republican primary today. So, this 902A it's a
13 lifesaving legislation that would dramatically expand
14 AED access in the City. Back in 2005, my predecessor
15 Timmy Lopez local ward 20, which provided AEDs in
16 public spaces. Part of that, though approximately,
17 he had to choose 5 locations in each Burrow. So,
18 obviously, there is a gap in AED access and this bill
19 covers that gap.

20 As the Chair said that with a very
21 emotional hearing back in October and also came out
22 that hearing legalistically is difficult to find the
23 right balance, where we put the AEDs. So, we came up
24 with a, I think an our way of making sure that every
25 youth baseball team coach and team will have AED.

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2 They will bring it with them. It would to be no cost
3 to the leagues and no cost to the parents. The city
4 will be providing the funding and the training at no
5 cost, that was a big concern for all leagues but
6 generally if this piece of legislation is going to
7 save lives, I am extremely proud of it and I am
8 extremely proud to work with my very good friend
9 Corey Johnson on this piece of legislation and I hope
10 that this community will pass it. I will vote to
11 pass it, so thank you.

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13 CHAIRPERSON COREY JOHNSON: Any of my
14 colleagues, who want to make a statement on this
15 before get to the vote. I would ask to the clerk to
16 call the roll.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Committee clerk, call
18 roll vote to the committee health introduction 902A.

19 CHAIRPERSON COREY JOHNSON: I vote, aye.

20 VACCA: I want to congratulate to
21 sponsors team Mathew and Chairman Johnson. I vote,
22 aye.

23 VAN BRAMER: With congratulation to the
24 minority leader and chair. I vote, aye.

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2 BARRON: I think, this is very important
3 legislation. I vote, aye. Asked to be added as a
4 sponsor.

5 ESPINAL: Congrats to Mathew and also I
6 would like to add as sponsor and I vote, aye.

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8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 5 votes
9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
10 abstentions, item has been adopted.

11 And we are going to vote open for an
12 additional 20 minutes.

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14 [Continuation]

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16 Vote call the committee on health,
17 introduction 9028.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote, aye.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote now
20 currently stands 6 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the
21 negative and no abstentions.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date April 21, 2016