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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: MARK LEVINE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL
INEZ D. BARRON
MATHIEU EUGENE
KEITH POWERS

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

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[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Good morning everyone, we have overflow seating available in the member's lounge. Thank you to my colleagues for joining us here on the Health Committee today joined by Health Committee members Keith Powers, Alicka Ampry-Samuel and the lead sponsor of our bill, Minority Leader Matteo. Today we're going to be taking up the matter of AEDs for the second time in two years as an important tool in our fight to save lives amongst our young people. This is a response to the second highest cause of death in athletes younger than age 14, which is Commotio Cordis typically caused by a sudden blunt trauma to the interior chest resulting in cardiac arrest and sudden death. This is a very, very frightening accident that if it occurs can be fatal unless first aid is administered in a matter of minutes and portable defibrillators and those AEDs are incredibly effective tool for saving lives, 95 percent of patients who receive the defibrillation shock in the first minute of cardiac arrest survive and so we were very thrilled in 2016 under the leadership of, of Minority Leader Matteo to pass Local Law 57, which required AEDs to be

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2 available for youth baseball league games on land
3 under jurisdiction of the Parks Department and
4 following on that success we are considering today
5 Intro 189 also sponsored by Minority Leader Matteo as
6 well as Council Members Brannan and Kallos which
7 would extend these requirements to youth baseball,
8 baseball leagues. So, with that I'm going to pass it
9 over to our Minority Leader for his opening comments.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you Chair
11 Levine. The Education Committee during the Finance
12 might have stolen our thunder today but a very, very
13 important bill that I'm proud that we're going to be
14 passing and I want to start off by thanking you for
15 your leadership on this very important issue, thank
16 the Speaker for his partnership. As you mentioned two
17 years ago we passed legislation that the Speaker and
18 I introduced that requires an operable AED to be
19 present at every little league game in practice
20 played on a city owned field and as we went through
21 the legislation instead of just providing AEDs at
22 fields we actually gave them to the coaches, so
23 they'll have them at practices and all the games.
24 Local Law 57 as you said the AEDs and training
25 sessions for coaches and league officials are, are..

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2 in their proper use are now provided free of charge
3 by the Parks Department. As I said on many occasions
4 my intention has always been to continue to expand
5 AED access and provide them for youth softball
6 leagues is the next logical step, Intro 189-A will do
7 just that. This bill will build on the great success
8 we have already had with the little league AED
9 program. In fiscal year 2018 Parks deployed more than
10 1,500 AEDs to little leagues across the city, held
11 more than 435 AED training sessions and certified
12 more than 3,000 people including coaches, little
13 league officials and parents in their use. According
14 to Parks about 100 new softball leagues that filled
15 about 500 teams would be added to this program under
16 this bill. I don't think it's necessary to reiterate
17 to all of you the irrefutable evidence that proves
18 why immediate access to an AED is critical in a
19 cardiac emergency. It is very clear AEDs save lives.
20 That is why I will continue to introduce additional
21 legislation to expand AEDs and to work with all of
22 you on ways we can make more of these absolutely
23 indispensable life saving tools available for all New
24 Yorkers. So, I urge my colleagues to vote yes in
25 favor of this legislation and thank you Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you Mr.

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Minority Leader and with that I'm going to ask our

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Committee Clerk, Billy Martin to call the roll.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,

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Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Health,

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Introduction 189-A, Chair Levine?

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CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ampry-Samuel?

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COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Powers?

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COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye and

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congratulations to Council Member Matteo.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of

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three in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions the Item is adopted by the Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Okay, I think we're

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going to hold the vote open, we have one member in

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transit for... can we do 20 minutes? Great, thank you

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Continuation of

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roll call, the Committee on Health, Introduction 189-

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A, Council Member Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: The vote now currently stands at four in the affirmative. Final vote, Committee on Health, Intro, Introduction 189-A has been adopted by the Committee, four in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Alright, I want to thank everyone for joining us at this hearing and we will now conclude.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date

June 15, 2018