**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 1936

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Member Torres and the Speaker (Council Member Johnson)

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the definition of harassment to include threats based on a person having been impacted by COVID-19

**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.**

The bill would amend the definition of harassment in the Housing Maintenance Code to include threats against an individual based on their status as a COVID-19 impacted person, their status as an essential employee, or their receipt of a rental concession or forbearance. Harassment would be punishable by a civil penalty of $2,000 to $10,000.

**Effective Date:**

Immediately

**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 is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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