

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2020**

No. 66

Introduced by Council Members Lancman, the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams), Cornegy, Rosenthal, Constantinides, Levin, Cumbo, Dromm, King, Koo, Reynoso, Chin, Barron, Adams, Rose, Menchaca, Ayala, Ampry-Samuel, Miller, Perkins, Rivera, Kallos, Levine, Torres, Van Bramer, Moya, Lander, Salamanca, Richards, Louis, Treyger, Koslowitz, Brannan, Powers, Gjonaj, Gibson, Eugene, Cohen and the Speaker (Council Member Johnson).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to chokeholds and other such restraints

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-181 to read as follows:

§ 10-181 Unlawful methods of restraint. a. Unlawful methods of restraint. No person shall restrain an individual in a manner that restricts the flow of air or blood by compressing the windpipe or the carotid arteries on each side of the neck, or sitting, kneeling, or standing on the chest or back in a manner that compresses the diaphragm, in the course of effecting or attempting to effect an arrest.

b. Penalties. Any person who violates subdivision a of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.

c. Any penalties resulting from a violation of subdivision a of this section shall not limit or preclude any cause of action available to any person or entity injured or aggrieved by such violation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on June 18, 2020 and approved by the Mayor on July 15, 2020.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 66 of 2020, Council Int. No. 536-B of 2018) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.