

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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May 24, 2010
Start: 1:15 pm
Recess: 1:53 pm

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Hearing Room, 14th Floor

B E F O R E:
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Inez E. Dickens
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferraras
Helen D. Foster
Rosie Mendez
Joel Rivera
Deborah L. Rose
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann

CHAIRPERSON ARROYO: Good

afternoon. My name is Maria Del Carmen Arroyo and I chair the committee on Health. Today the committee will be voting on three pieces of legislation that we previously conducted a hearing on May 24th. The first, Intro 206 which I sponsored would make a variety of changes to clean up and update the health title of the city's administrative code. Examples of these changes include renumbering section numbers where duplicates existed and repealing two subchapters that we believe are no longer necessary. The repealed subchapters deal with information required of applicants for city permits for the sale and transfer of milk and milk products and required licenses for medical records storage operators. I am also the sponsor of the second piece of legislation, Intro 207, which would repeal the requirement that all sellers of compressed air and tanks used for underwater breathing get a permit from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the requirement that the city health code contain air purity standards for compressed air. The legislation would replace

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2 these requirements with a new mandate that the
3 underwater tanks meet the standard of the
4 Compressed Gas Association and allow DOHMH to
5 create a more stringent standard. The final piece
6 of legislation we are considering today is Intro
7 226a sponsored by Council Member Palma. This
8 legislation would re-enact and update the
9 reporting requirement on child care facilities
10 that was originally enacted in 2005 but expired in
11 2008. Similar to the original legislation this
12 bill would require DOHMH to provide the Council
13 with a quarterly report with a variety of
14 different information on child care facilities in
15 the city and DOHMH's Bureau of Child Care. Before
16 we call the vote, I want to thank the committee
17 staff for their hard work in expediting the
18 process, our dear assignment council to the
19 committee, Joseph Mencino, who was missing at our
20 last hearing because he was taking an exam in
21 school and today he's on jury duty. So hopefully
22 he is having a better time today than he was at
23 the last hearing and Rocco D'Angelo who is the
24 Finance Policy Analyst. I also want to recognize
25 my colleagues who are here from the committee,

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2 Council Member Julissa Ferraras from Queens,
3 Council Member Van Bramer from Queens, Council
4 Member Joel Rivera from the Bronx, Council Member
5 Helen Diane Foster form the Bronx, Council Member
6 Debbie Rose from Staten Island, that one I
7 remembered, Council Member Al Vann from Brooklyn,
8 and Council Member Rosie Mendez from Manhattan.
9 Council? Somebody is going to call this roll.

10 WILLAM MARTIN: William Martin,
11 Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on
12 Health, Introductions 206, 207, and 226. Council
13 member Arroyo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

15 WILLAM MARTIN: Rivera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

17 WILLAM MARTIN: Foster.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

19 WILLAM MARTIN: Vann.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

21 WILLAM MARTIN: Mendez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

23 WILLAM MARTIN: Ferraras.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARAS: Aye.

25 WILLAM MARTIN: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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WILLAM MARTIN: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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WILLAM MARTIN: By a vote of eight

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in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, items are adopted. Members, please

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sign the committee reports. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON ARROYO: We will hold

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the vote open for about twenty minutes. We have a

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few council members across the street who are

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making their way over.

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[pause]

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WILLAM MARTIN: Council member

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Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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WILLAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at

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nine in the affirmative.

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[pause]

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WILLAM MARTIN: Continuation on

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roll call on the Committee on Health. Council

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member Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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WILLAM MARTIN: Continuation roll

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call on the Committee on Health. Council member

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2 Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Still

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Here. Then I vote aye.

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WILLAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at

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nine in the affirmative.

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[pause]

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WILLAM MARTIN: Council Member

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Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye. But

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let me just say that you know, I am late because

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the speaker and I and my colleagues, we have a

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personal reference who got in a wonderful

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initiative that we are going to do with respect

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the need and the issue of the veterans because you

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know those people they have served and made

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sacrifices to help us and we are going to create a

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they need. Again I vote aye.

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WILLAM MARTIN: Final vote on the

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Committee on Health is now ten in the affirmative,

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zero in the negative and no abstentions. Thank

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you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park-Boudreau certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature _____



Date _____ May 27, 2010 _____