**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 499-A

**Prime Sponsors:**

Council Members Koslowitz, Kallos and Rivera

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing corporations, partnerships and other business entities to obtain newsstand licenses; and to repeal section 20-241 of the administrative code of the city of New York

**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.**

This bill would amend existing law to allow current and new licensees to hold a newsstand license as a corporate entity, as long as each shareholder, partner, member or principal does not have another source of income exceeding what is earned by operating the newsstand. Existing law only allows newsstand operators to hold their license in their personal capacity.

The bill also contains deeming provisions that would help the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) to enforce a limit on two newsstand locations per licensee. This bill would also prohibit any licensee from renting or attempting to rent out their newsstand; doing so would be a basis for license revocation. Finally, the bill also requires DCWP to mail current newsstand licensees, before their next license renewal, a letter explaining important legal requirements that may be applicable if holding a newsstand license as a corporate entity.

Additionally, Section 20-241 would be repealed and subsequent sections in the subchapter renumbered, to consolidate the requirements and protections in the subchapter.

**Effective Date:**

120 days after becoming law, except that Section 7 would take effect 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 would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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