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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the emergency management department.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 496 of chapter 19-A of the New York City charter is amended to read as follows:

§496. Deputies. The commissioner shall have the power to appoint and, at pleasure, remove deputies, one to be known as first deputy commissioner. During the absence or disability of the commissioner, the first deputy commissioner, or if the first deputy commissioner shall be absent or under disability, the deputy commissioner designated by the commissioner, shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the commissioner, except the power of making appointments and transfers. The commissioner shall designate at least one deputy as responsible for coordinating the provision of services for City residents whom the Commissioner, or his designee, determines to be displaced from their homes for more than eighteen hours as a result of an emergency such as, for example, a fire, explosion, or building collapse. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, emergency housing, proof of identification, cash assistance, health care, and government benefits.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred twenty days after its enactment into law, provided, however, that the

commissioner may take any actions necessary prior to such effective date for the implementation of this local law.

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