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Int. No. 169

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a fixed buffer zone around reproductive health care facilities.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 8-803 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to demonstrate or protest in any manner within fifteen feet from the entryway or exit of a reproductive health care facility, or the premises in which such a facility is located.

[b.] c. Violations. Any person who shall violate any provision of subdivision a or b of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both, for a first conviction under this section. For a second and each subsequent conviction under this section, the penalty shall be a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars or imprisonment

not to exceed one year, or both.

§ 2. Section 8-805 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

The corporation counsel may bring a civil action on behalf of the city in any court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive and other appropriate equitable relief in order to prevent or cure a violation of subdivision a or b of section 8-803.

§ 3. Section 8-806 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

If it is found, in any action brought pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, that two or more of the named defendants acted in concert pursuant to a common plan or design to violate any provision of subdivision a or b of section 8-803, such defendants shall be held jointly and severally liable for any fines or penalties imposed or any damages awarded.

§ 4. This local law shall take effect immediately.