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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to sound reproduction devices on sight-seeing buses.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 20- 376 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph e, to read as follows:

(e) The commissioner shall refuse to license any sight-seeing bus that employs any sound reproduction device other than a headphone-limited sound reproduction device. Exemptions from this requirement may be granted for buses that enclose an upper deck or that keep lower level windows closed so as to prevent sound from being plainly audible to residents in residences along the bus route. For purposes of this section, a

headphone-limited sound reproduction device shall consist of a reproduction device that transmits an audio signal, including but not limited to the amplified voice of any guide on such sight-seeing bus, that is audible to riders on such sight-seeing bus through personal headphones and is not otherwise audible.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred twenty days after it shall have been enacted into law except that prior to such effective date the commissioner of consumer affairs may promulgate rules or take any other action necessary for implementation of this local law.

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