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By Council Members Mendez and Koo (by request of the Manhattan Borough President)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the disposal of mattresses and box springs.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-141 to read as follows:

§16-141 Disposal of mattresses and box springs. a. Any person receiving department collection of solid waste who places out for collection any mattress or box spring, shall place such mattress or box spring in a plastic bag at least three mils in thickness, or shall completely seal such mattress or box spring in plastic film or wrap, prior to placement on a sidewalk or other designated area or receptacle for collection by the department. Any such bag shall be constructed in such a manner and be of such size as to readily contain the mattress to be disposed of and be able to be securely sealed after a mattress or box spring is placed inside. Any plastic film or wrap used to seal a mattress or box spring shall cover such mattress or box spring completely and shall be without any tears or holes that expose the sealed item.

b. Any retail store that sells or delivers new mattresses or box springs to consumers in the city shall make available for purchase to such consumers plastic bags, wrap or film compliant with the provisions of subdivision a of this section.

c. Within twenty-four months of the effective date of this section and annually thereafter, the

department, in consultation with the commissioners of consumer affairs and health and mental hygiene, shall issue recommendations to the mayor and the council regarding any amendments to this section or whether this section should be repealed. Where no recommendations are made the report shall state the reasons therefore.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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