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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to create pamphlets identifying mental health resources available to individuals experiencing pregnancy loss

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-199.21 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 108 for the year 2023, is redesignated section 17-199.24.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.24.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.24.1 Mental health resource pamphlets for individuals experiencing pregnancy loss. a.

Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 23-1101.

Pregnancy loss. The term “pregnancy loss” means the loss of a fetus by miscarriage, stillbirth, termination, or other reason.

b. The commissioner shall create pamphlets that contain information about the possible effects of pregnancy loss on mental health and identify mental health resources available to individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss. Such pamphlets shall be made available in the designated citywide languages and reviewed and updated regularly as appropriate. Each pamphlet shall address a single type of pregnancy loss, including but not necessarily limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or termination, and specific information and

resources related to such type of loss. The commissioner shall provide such pamphlets to all facilities operated by the department or a provider under contract with the department and that provide reproductive healthcare, and shall make available such pamphlets to all reproductive healthcare providers in the city, for distribution to individuals who may benefit from such pamphlets. The commissioner shall post such pamphlets on the department's website.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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