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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Adams and Kallos

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring police officers to treat breathing difficulties as medical emergencies

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-180 to read as follows:

§ 14-180 Response to breathing emergencies.

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

Breathing difficulty. The term “breathing difficulty” means any situation in which an individual in police custody displays an inability to breathe, either as recognized by officer observations or through the individual’s own declaration.

Medical emergency. The term “medical emergency” means a life-threatening condition requiring immediate medical attention.

Interactive training. The term “interactive training” means participatory teaching whereby the trainee is engaged in a trainer-trainee interaction, use of audio-visuals, computer or online training program or other participatory forms of training as determined by the commissioner. Such "interactive training" is not required to be live or facilitated by an in-person instructor.

b. Breathing difficulties. The department shall respond to breathing difficulties as medical emergencies.

c. Training.

1. New recruits. All new department recruits shall receive in person training for responding to breathing

difficulties as part of their academy training.

2. Ongoing training. All uniformed members of the department whose responsibilities include routinely interacting with arrested individuals shall receive interactive training, on a biennial basis, to assist them in responding to breathing difficulties.

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

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