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By Council Members Arroyo, Cabrera, Ferreras, Palma, Rose and James

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the veterinary examinations of rental horses.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-326 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision l, to read as follows:

(l) "Independent veterinarian" means a veterinarian whose services have been procured by the department and who:

1. holds a valid license to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to Article 135 of New York state education law;

2. has experience in equine veterinary care, as determined by the commissioner;

3. is not employed by an entity authorized under section 371 of the New York state agriculture and markets law to enforce Article 26 of the New York state agriculture and markets law;

4. is not employed as a veterinarian by the city of New York; and

5. possesses other qualifications as the commissioner may establish by rule.

§2. Subdivision n of section 17-330 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

n. Every horse required to be licensed hereunder shall be examined by an independent veterinarian, prior to its use in a rental

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horse business[,] and at time of each license renewal[, and thereafter]. In addition, licensed horses shall be examined by an independent veterinarian at intervals of not less than four months and not greater than eight months. [The] Every examination shall include the general physical condition of the horse, its teeth, hoofs and shoes, its stamina and physical ability to perform the work or duties required of it, and whether it is current on vaccinations, including those for rabies, Eastern/Western equine encephalitis, West Nile virus, Rhinopneumonitis virus, and tetanus, or any other vaccinations the Commissioner may require by rule. [The] Every examination shall also include a record of any injury, disease, or deficiency observed by the veterinarian at the time, together with any prescription or humane correction or disposition of the same. A signed health certificate by the [examining] independent veterinarian shall be maintained at the stable premises at which such horse is located and shall be displayed on the outside of the such horse's individual stall. An original of said certificate shall be [mailed by the examining veterinarian] kept on file by the department.

§3. This local law shall take effect one hundred eighty days after enactment provided, however, the commissioner shall take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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