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Int. No. 797-A

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring a sign at inaccessible building entrances, public toilets, and elevators giving directions to the nearest available accessible entrance or facility for persons with disabilities when such entrance or facility exists.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 28-101.4.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new items 12 and 13 to read as follows:

12. Directional signage shall be provided in accordance with section 1110.2 of the New York city building code at or in close proximity to inaccessible building entrances, inaccessible public toilets and bathing facilities, and elevators not serving an accessible route indicating the route to the nearest like accessible element where such accessible element is provided, such that a person with disabilities will not be required to retrace the approach route from the inaccessible element.

13. Signs identifying accessible entrances shall be provided in accordance with item 5 of section 1110.1 of the New York city building code at accessible building entrances where not all entrances are accessible.

§2. Article 201 of chapter 2 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-201.2.3 to read as follows:

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§ 28-201.2.3 Specified lesser violations. The commissioner shall classify the following violations as lesser violations:

1. A violation of item 5 of section 1110.1 or of section 1110.2 of the New York city building code, or a violation of section 28-313.1 or 28-313.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

§3. Chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new article 313 to read as follows:

Article 313

Accessibility

§ 28-313.1 Retroactive requirement for directional signage at building entrances. The provisions of section 1110.2 of the New York city building code requiring directional signage to be posted at inaccessible building entrances indicating the route to the nearest accessible entrance shall apply retroactively to all buildings that have such accessible entrances. Buildings in existence on the effective date of this section shall post such directional signage on or before August 1, 2013. Such directional signage shall be maintained in good condition.

Exception: Directional signage posted at building entrances in compliance with the americans with disabilities act of 1990 shall be deemed to be in compliance with section 1110.2 of the New York city building code.

§ 28-313.2 Retroactive requirement for accessible building entrances. The provisions of item 5 of section 1110.1 of the New York city building code requiring signage to be posted at accessible entrances where an inaccessible building entrance exists shall apply retroactively to all buildings that have such accessible entrances. Buildings in existence on the effective date of this section shall post such signage on or before August 1, 2013. Such signage shall be maintained in good condition.

Exception: Accessible entrance signs that are posted at building entrances in compliance with the americans with disabilities act of 1990 shall be deemed to be in compliance with section 1110.1 of the New

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York city building code subject to the inclusion on or adjacent to such signage of a contact telephone number or instructions to gain access if an otherwise accessible building entrance is subject to locking.

§4. Item 5 of section BC 1110.1 of the New York city building code is amended to read as follows:

5. Accessible entrances where not all entrances are accessible. The sign, where provided, shall include a contact telephone number or instructions to gain access if an otherwise accessible building entrance is locked at all times or locked when the building is otherwise open.

§5. Section BC 1110.2 of the New York city building code, as added by local law number 33 for the year 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1110.2 Directional signage. Directional signage indicating the route to the nearest like accessible element shall be provided at [the following locations] or in close proximity to the following locations, such that a person with disabilities will not be required to retrace the approach route from the inaccessible element. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility. Such signs shall comply with either section 703.2 or sections 703.3 and 703.4 of ICC A117.1:

1. [In accessible] Inaccessible building entrances.
2. [In accessible] Inaccessible public toilets and bathing facilities.
3. Elevators not serving an accessible route.
4. At each separate-sex toilet and bathing room indicating the location of the nearest accessible unisex toilet or bathing room where provided in accordance with Section 1109.2.1.
5. At exits and elevators serving an accessible space, but not providing an approved accessible means of egress, signage shall be provided in accordance with Section 1007.7.

§6. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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