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Int. No. 398

By Council Members Vallone, Brannan and Holden

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a senior emergency information card

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-208 to read as follows:

§ 21-208 Senior emergency information card. a. For the purposes of this section, "Qualified applicant" means any individual sixty years of age or older who is a resident of the city of New York and who seeks to obtain a senior emergency information card as authorized by this section.

b. The department shall establish, produce, and issue a senior emergency information card to all qualified applicants. The senior emergency information card shall display, at a minimum, the applicant's name, date of birth, address, phone number, the name and telephone number of the applicant's emergency contacts,

and other information deemed appropriate by the department. The card shall also contain the following information if voluntarily disclosed and requested by the applicant to be displayed on such card: (i) name and telephone number of the applicant's doctor; (ii) the name and telephone number of the hospital used by such applicant, as applicable; (iii) the insurance carried by the applicant; (iv) the applicant's blood type; (v) illnesses and allergies of the applicant.

c. In order to obtain a senior emergency information card, an applicant shall complete an application requiring proof of such applicant's identity, as well as any other information deemed necessary by the department. The department shall prescribe by rule the form of such application, as well as the acceptable proofs of identity.

d. The department shall provide each qualified applicant, in addition to the card required by subdivision b of this section, with a placard which shall be available for display in the applicant's home. Such placard shall have a width of five inches and a height of nine inches, and shall contain space for the applicant to write in: (i) the applicant's name and date of birth; (ii) the name and telephone number of the applicant's emergency contacts; (ii) the name and telephone number of the applicant's doctor; (iii) the name and telephone number of the hospital used by such applicant, as applicable; (iv) the name and telephone number of the insurance carried by the applicant; (v) the applicant's blood type; (vi) medications administered to the applicant, including information as to the dosage of each medication; (vii) any illnesses or allergies of the applicant; (viii) any other information that the applicant may deem relevant.

e. No charge shall be assessed to a qualified applicant for the receipt of the senior emergency information card and placard required by this section.

f. The department shall ensure the confidentiality of information contained in applications received pursuant to subdivision c of this section.

§ 2 This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the department, as defined in section 21-201 of the administrative code of the city of New York, may take such measures as are necessary for

the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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