

The New York City Council

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: Int 1390-2019 Version: * Name: Requiring police officers to treat breathing difficulties

as medical emergencies.

Type: Introduction Status: Filed (End of Session)

In control: Committee on Public Safety

On agenda: 1/24/2019

Enactment date: Enactment #:

Title: 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

Sponsors: Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Adrienne E. Adams, Ben Kallos

Indexes:

Attachments: 1. Summary of Int. No. 1390, 2. Int. No. 1390, 3. January 24, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with

Links to Files, 4. Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-24-19, 5. Minutes of the Stated Meeting -

January 24, 2019

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/24/2019	*	City Council	Introduced by Council	
1/24/2019	*	City Council	Referred to Comm by Council	
12/31/2021	*	City Council	Filed (End of Session)	

Int. No. 1390

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

File #: Int 1390-2019, Version: *

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.

AS 12.26.18

LS # 8730