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By The Speaker (Council Member Miller) and Council Members Quinn, DeBlasio, Lopez, Reed, Brewer, Gerson, James, Sears, Baez, Clarke, Katz, Koppell, Martinez, McMahon, Palma, Rivera, Sanders Jr., Weprin, Perkins, Recchia Jr., Gioia, Liu, Jackson, Moskowitz, Seabrook, Fidler, Foster, Avella, Arroyo, Yassky, Reyna, Barron, Gentile and The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to domestic partnerships.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended to add a new section 3-244 to read as follows:

§3-244. Certificate of domestic partnership registration.

a. Issuance of certificate of domestic partnership registration. The city clerk shall issue a certificate of domestic partnership registration to persons who have registered pursuant to this subchapter. Such a certificate shall constitute notice of a registered domestic partnership when persons apply for rights or benefits available to domestic partners, including but not limited to:

[a.] 1. Bereavement leave and child care leave of absence for city employees;

[b.] 2. Visitation in city correctional and juvenile detention facilities;

[c.] 3. Visitation in facilities operated by the New York City health and hospitals corporation;

[d.] 4. Eligibility to qualify as a family member to be added by the New York City housing authority to an existing tenancy as a permanent resident;

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[e.] 5. Eligibility to qualify as a family member entitled to succeed to the tenancy or occupancy rights of a tenant or cooperator in buildings supervised by or under the jurisdiction of the department of housing preservation and development;

[f.] 6. Health benefits provided by the city to city employees and retirees and eligible members of their families, pursuant to stipulation or collective bargaining;

[g.] 7. Such other rights or benefits as may be established pursuant to applicable law.

b. Access to city benefits and services.

1. To the extent permitted by state and federal law, any benefit or service directly provided by the city of new york to persons based on spousal relationship shall be available to persons who are domestic partners as set forth in section 3-244 of the administrative code or in a relationship recognized as a domestic partnership under section 3-245 of the administrative code. A certificate of domestic partnership registration or its equivalent as recognized under section 3-245 of the administrative code constitutes sufficient proof of spousal relationship, to the extent that a city agency requires proof of such status from any person or persons applying for benefits or services.

2. Within 90 days of the effective date of the local law that added this subdivision, the administration shall furnish a report to the council that sets forth any benefit or service provided directly by the city that is available to persons based on spousal relationship and is not available to domestic partners on the same basis.

§2. This local law shall take effect thirty days after its enactment.

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