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Int. No. 755-A

By Council Members Felder, Comrie, Fidler, Martinez, Palma, Stewart, White Jr., Gentile and Sears (by request of the Mayor)

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter in relation to the qualifications of the commissioner of buildings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Sections 641, 642 and 648 of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 29 for the year 1977, are amended to read as follows:

§641. Department; commissioner. There shall be a department of buildings, the head of which shall be the commissioner of buildings. The commissioner or the first deputy commissioner shall be a registered architect or a licensed professional engineer in good standing under the education law.

§642. Deputies. The commissioner [may] shall appoint two deputies, one of whom shall be the first deputy commissioner. The commissioner may, by instrument in writing filed with the department, designate a deputy commissioner who is a registered architect or a licensed professional engineer to possess any of the powers granted to the commissioner by subdivision (b) or (d) of section six hundred forty-five of this chapter. The deputy commissioner so designated shall possess such powers in addition to any other powers that may be assigned to him or her by the commissioner pursuant to any other provision of law.

§ 648. Appeals. Appeals may be taken from decisions of the commissioner and of a deputy commissioner or the borough superintendent acting under a written delegation of power filed in accordance with the provisions of section six hundred forty-two or subdivision (c) of section six hundred forty-five of this chapter, to the board of standards and appeals as provided by law.

§2. Paragraph a of subdivision 6 of section 666 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 107 for the year 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(a) except as otherwise provided by law, any order, requirement, decision or determination of the commissioner of buildings or of a deputy commissioner of buildings or any borough superintendent of buildings acting under a written delegation of power from the commissioner of buildings filed in accordance with the provisions of [subdivision (b) of] section six hundred forty-two or section six hundred forty-five of this charter [, or not-for-profit corporation acting on behalf of the department of buildings pursuant to section 27-228.6 of the code], or

§3. Nothing in this local law shall be construed to affect the power of the commissioner of buildings

under section eleven hundred one of this charter.

§4. This local law shall take effect immediately.