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Int. No. 208

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring the inclusion of businesses owned by persons of Middle Eastern and North African descent in future disparity studies

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 26 of subdivision (c) of section 6-129 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

(26) “Minority group” means Black Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, [and] Native Americans, and Middle Eastern and North African Americans, provided that the commissioner shall be authorized to add additional groups to this definition upon a finding that there is statistically significant disparity between the availability of firms owned by individuals in such a group and the utilization of such firms in city procurement. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “Middle Eastern and North African Americans” means American persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North

Africa.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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