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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring public hospitals to post signs regarding the penalty for assaulting nurses.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-198 to read as follows:

**§17-198 Signage regarding assaulting nurses.** Every public hospital shall conspicuously post signage at the entrance of the hospital and next to each elevator stating that it is a crime to assault a nurse. Such sign shall be in a form and manner as proscribed by the commissioner and shall include the following text: “Assaulting a nurse is a D felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.” Such sign shall appear in English, Spanish and any other language used by the predominant patient populations in the facility catchment areas, as determined by the commissioner. For purposes of this section, the term “public hospital” shall mean a hospital operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation.

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

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