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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of auxiliary power units in ambulances.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter seven of chapter one of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-163.10 to read as follows:

§24-163.10 Use of auxiliary power units in ambulances. a. When used in this section, “auxiliary power unit” means a device located on or in a vehicle that supplies cooling, heating and electrical power to such vehicle while the vehicle’s engine is turned off. Not later than January first, two thousand fourteen, the fire department shall develop and implement a pilot project for a period of not less than one year to ascertain the benefits and reliability of utilizing auxiliary power units in ambulances operated by the city of New York. Such pilot project shall employ auxiliary power units to power the ambulance’s electrical load, diagnostic devices, ancillary electrical equipment, tools and cabin temperature without the need to engage the engine or use another source of power.

b. Not later than July first, two thousand fifteen, the fire department shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council detailing the findings of such pilot project, including but not limited to data on actual reduction in vehicular emissions, and a cost-benefit analysis for equipping the entire ambulance fleet with auxiliary power units.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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