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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the Department of Homeless Services to report information regarding veterans entering and exiting shelter.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-316 to read as follows:

§21-316. Veterans in shelter report. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “Residential rehabilitation facilities” shall mean facilities for veterans and service members recovering from injuries or illnesses;
2. “Shelter” shall mean temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department;
3. “Subsidized housing” shall mean dwelling units aided by one or more federal, state or city programs designed to provide low or moderate income housing;
4. “Supportive housing” shall mean affordable housing, combined with recovery-oriented services, where tenants pay up to thirty percent of their income towards rent and utilities; and
5. “Veteran” shall mean a person who has served in the active military of the United States and who has been released from such service otherwise than by dishonorable discharge.

b. Beginning no later than June 1, 2014 and on the first day of each succeeding calendar quarter

thereafter, the department shall submit to the city council a report and post such report on its website detailing the following information relating to the previous calendar quarter:

1. Total number of veterans entering shelter, disaggregated by number and percent of veterans who are new to the shelter system and those who have had prior shelter stays;

2. For the total number of veterans staying in shelter, average length of stay, disaggregated by male and female veterans; and

3. Total number and percent of veterans placed in permanent housing, disaggregated by type including but not limited to supportive housing, subsidized housing, residential rehabilitation facilities and veterans who return to their family or to independent living.

§2. This local law shall take immediately.

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