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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 grant a presumption of eligibility for applicants to the shelter system who are exiting human resources administration domestic violence shelters.

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 Presumption of eligibility. a. For purposes of this section, “HRA domestic violence shelter” shall mean any residential care facility providing emergency shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and their minor children and operated by the department of social services/human resources administration or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of social services/ human resources administration.

b. The department shall deem any applicant residing in an HRA domestic violence shelter an eligible homeless person for purposes of temporary shelter placement provided by the department provided (i) the applicant is no longer eligible for such HRA domestic violence shelter because such applicant has exhausted the maximum length of stay permitted at such HRA domestic violence shelter; (ii) the human resources administration or successor entity has provided the department with advance notice of such applicant’s upcoming exit from such HRA domestic violence shelter, with the human resources administration or successor entity required to provide such advance notice where applicable; and (iii) such applicant reports to the

department on the same calendar day as the applicant's exit from such HRA domestic violence shelter. Such applicants shall not be required to undergo an eligibility determination process at a department intake facility prior to being admitted to a temporary shelter placement.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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