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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 consumer affairs to hold multiple business education events each year throughout the five boroughs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-706.2 to read as follows:

§ 20-706.2 Business education events. a. 1. The commissioner shall organize and conduct business education events during which the department shall provide local businesses with information regarding the laws and rules that are enforced by the department. The commissioner of small business services shall support the department in the organization and operation of such business education events.

2. Such business education events shall occur in at least two separate locations within each borough on an annual basis. The first such business education event shall commence on or before June 30, 2015.

3. Each business education event shall either focus on a particular industry that is licensed or regulated by the department, or shall focus on one or more of the laws and rules that are relevant to multiple industries and enforced by the department, provided that, information relating to all laws and rules that are enforced by the department, including but not limited to the licensing laws contained in chapter two of title 20 of the administrative code, the consumer protection law contained in this subchapter, and the truth in pricing law contained in subchapter two of chapter five of title 20 of the administrative code, shall be included as a part of at least one business education event each year.

4. Any lectures or educational materials designed for the purposes of conducting such business education events shall be made available in English and in the six languages most commonly spoken by limited English proficient individuals, as those languages are determined by the department of city planning. Such educational materials shall be available on the department's website.

b. On June 30, 2016, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council a report related to the business education events held during the prior 12 month period. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of business education events held; (ii) the location of each business education event; (iii) the number of participants in each business education event disaggregated by location; and (iv) a summary of the information provided to participants.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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