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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to ensuring fairness in physical testing.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision d of section 831 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 59 of 1996, is amended to read as follow:

d. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. to review the uniform standards, procedures, and programs of the department of citywide administrative services pursuant to paragraphs twelve and fourteen of subdivision a of section eight hundred, fourteen, and to review the plans adopted by city agencies in accordance with the provisions of paragraph nineteen of subdivision a of section eight hundred fifteen, and to provide any such agency or the department of citywide administrative services with such comments and suggestions as the commission deems necessary and appropriate;

2. to recommend to the department of citywide administrative services, all city agencies, or any one or more particular agencies, procedures, approaches, measures, standards and programs to be utilized by such agencies in their efforts to ensure a fair and effective affirmative employment program of equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women who are employed by or seek employment with city agencies;

3. to recommend to any city agency actions which such agency should consider including in its next annual plan as required by paragraph nineteen of subdivision a of section eight hundred fifteen;

4. to advise and, if requested, assist city agencies in their efforts to increase employment of minority group members and women who are employed by or who seek employment with city agencies;

5. to audit and evaluate the employment practices and procedures of each city agency and their efforts to ensure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women at least once every four years and whenever requested by the civil service commission or the human rights commission or whenever otherwise deemed necessary by this commission. In addition, the commission shall audit and evaluate any physical tests used by any city agency, either for hiring or

promotional purposes, at least once every year. In so auditing and evaluating, the commission shall utilize the services of non-governmental experts where such use would assist such auditing and evaluating in any way;

6. to make such policy, legislative and budgetary recommendations to the mayor, council, the department of citywide administrative services or any city agency as the commission deems necessary to ensure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women;

7. to publish by the fifteenth of February of each year a report to the mayor and the council on the activities of the commission and the effectiveness of each city agency's affirmative employment efforts and the efforts by the department of citywide administrative services to ensure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women who are employed by or seek to be employed by city agencies;

8. to establish appropriate advisory committees;

9. to serve with such other agencies or officials as shall be designated by the mayor as the city liaison to federal, state and local agencies responsible for compliance with equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women who are employed by or who seek to be employed by city agencies; and

10. to take such other actions as are appropriate to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this chapter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law.

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