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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a protocol relating to the accessibility of city government websites for persons with disabilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 8 of title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law of the city of New York for the year 2016, in relation to access to translation of city websites, as proposed in introduction number 673-A, is amended by adding a new section 23-802 to read as follows:

§ 23-802 Accessibility. a. The mayor or the mayor's designee shall adopt a protocol for websites maintained by or on behalf of the city or a city agency relating to website accessibility for persons with disabilities. Such protocol shall provide for agency websites to use either of the following standards: section 1194.22 of title 36 of the code of federal regulations or the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA, developed by the Worldwide Web Consortium, or any successor standards, provided that the adopted protocol may differ from these standards in specific instances when the mayor or mayor's designee determines, after consulting with experts in website design and reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, and the holding of a public hearing, that such differences will provide effective communication for people with disabilities, and that such differences are documented in such protocol. Such protocol shall be made available online. This section does not require an agency to take any action that would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens.

b. No later than July 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter, the mayor or the mayor's designee shall

submit to the council a written report that documents the compliance of websites maintained by or on behalf of the city or a city agency with the protocol adopted pursuant to subdivision a of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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