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By Council Members Barron, Cumbo and Gentile

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring water filtration in schools with water pipes or solder that contain lead

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.5 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.5 Lead Filtration in Public Schools. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

Lead-containing pipes or fixtures. The term “lead-containing pipes or fixtures” means:

1. Any water supply pipe, including any solder on such a pipe, or any plumbing fixture, through which water used for drinking or cooking passes; and

2. Which the department or the department of education knows or should know is not lead free.

Lead free. The term “lead free” means “lead free” as defined in section 300g-6 of title 42 of the United State code.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Water filtration system. The term “water filtration system” means a filtration system that is certified by NSF International, or by another credible certifying body designated by the department by rule, to be effective at reducing concentrations of lead in drinking water.

b. The department shall provide or install, and maintain in working order, water filtration systems in any school with lead-containing pipes or fixtures. Water that has passed through lead-containing pipes or fixtures at

any such school that is primarily used for drinking or cooking must pass through such a water filtration system prior to being made available for drinking or cooking.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the department of health and mental hygiene may promulgate such rules, and take such other actions, as are necessary for the timely implementation of this law prior to such date.

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