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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel technologies in the city ferry fleet

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subdivision a of section 19-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 3 for the year 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "City ferry" means any motorized watercraft that is used as a

means of commuter passenger mass transportation by water that is owned or operated by or on behalf of the city [of New York].

§ 2. Section 19-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision k to read as follows:

k. The commissioner shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of utilizing in city ferries (i) alternative fuels, which shall include but need not be limited to the combustion of biodiesel of at least five percent biodiesel by volume (B5) and up to 20 percent biodiesel by volume (B20) and renewable diesel and (ii) alternative fuel technologies, which shall include but need not be limited to hybrid electric, battery electric and fuel-cell electric power trains. The study shall include a review of the types and classes of ferries used and planned to be used and, as applicable, their compatibility with the alternative fuels and alternative fuel technologies studied, the availability of such fuels and technologies, the mixing and storage of such fuels and technologies and other relevant issues including barriers, opportunities and regulatory requirements related to

the use of such fuels and technologies in city ferries. No later than December 31, 2019, the commissioner shall electronically submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and make publicly available online, a report detailing the findings of this study with recommendations relating to the use of alternative fuels and technologies in city ferries and shall thereafter, to the fullest extent the commissioner determines to be practicable based upon such report, implement the use of such fuels or technologies in city ferries.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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