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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing legal services to victims of domestic violence in divorce proceedings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 12 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 12

PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

§ 10-1201 Definitions.

§ 10-1202 Provision of legal services.

§ 10-1201 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Coordinator. The term “coordinator” means the coordinator of the office of civil justice.

Designated organization. The term “designated organization” means a not-for-profit organization or association that has the capacity to provide legal services and is designated by the coordinator pursuant to this chapter.

Domestic violence victim. The term “domestic violence victim” means a person who is a victim of domestic violence as defined in section 8-102.

Full legal representation. The term “full legal representation” means ongoing legal representation

provided by a designated organization and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation. Full legal representation includes, but is not limited to, the filing of a notice of appearance, and the payment of all filing fees (including index numbers and note of issues).

Supreme Court. The term “Supreme Court” means the civil term of the New York Supreme Court in each of the five boroughs.

§ 10-1202 Provision of legal services. Subject to appropriation, the coordinator shall establish a program to provide access to full legal representation for domestic violence victims in all divorce proceedings in Supreme Court related to the domestic violence.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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