

## Legislation Text

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Res. No. 1208

Calling upon all New York City departments and agencies to come into compliance with the terms and conditions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

By Council Members Harrison, Clarke, Espada, Freed, Henry, Koslowitz, Lopez and Nelson; also Council Members DiBrienza, Leffler, Linares, McCaffrey, Michels and Quinn

Whereas, According to the League for the Hard of Hearing, fifty-four million Americans live with a disability, one in ten Americans lives with some degree of hearing loss, one in four people over the age of sixty-five lives with a hearing loss, and approximately 300,000 people in New York City are over the age of sixty-five and live with a hearing loss; and

Whereas, Unaddressed hearing loss, can negatively affect a person's ability to make use of City, State and Federal services and programs; and

Whereas, Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), places of public accommodation and State and Local government programs, activities and services must be accessible to all people with disabilities; and

Whereas, In order to serve the people that they are intended to serve, all New York City departments and agencies should come into compliance with the ADA, with respect to all programs, services and accommodations, as defined by the ADA, that they provide; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon all New York City departments and agencies to come into compliance with the terms and conditions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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