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By Council Members Lopez, Perkins, Quinn, Recchia and Rivera

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing access to check cashing facilities for people having physical disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subarticle 2 of article 2 of subchapter 4 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-292.21 to read as follows:

§27-292.21 Check cashing facilities. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

CHECK CASHING FACILITY. A commercial establishment other than a bank that offers check cashing services as a primary service.

PRIMARY SERVICE. The business activity that provides the chief source of revenue for a business.

READILY ACHIEVABLE. Easily accomplished and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense.

(b) Every check cashing facility shall be accessible and shall comply with the requirements set forth in reference standard RS 4-6.

(c) On or before January first, two thousand and two, every check cashing facility existing on the effective date of this section shall be brought into compliance with the provisions of subdivision b of this section except at those facilities where accessibility is not readily achievable in accordance with this code as determined by the department. Upon the filing of a request by the owner of the building where the check cashing facility is located, the department shall make a written determination within sixty days of such request

as to whether accessibility is readily achievable. An owner shall be liable for compliance with this subdivision until such time as the department determines that compliance is not readily achievable.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.