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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a central housing referral system to track clients of the HIV and AIDS Services Administration.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. **Declaration of legislative findings and intent.** The Council hereby finds and declares that people with clinical/symptomatic HIV disease and AIDS who seek assistance from New York City's Human Resources Administration ("HRA") have particularly acute needs for safe, clean non-emergency housing to keep them healthy. The Council further finds that the lack of a comprehensive housing referral and tracking system creates greater challenges for providing non-emergency housing of the quality HRA's clients with clinical/symptomatic HIV disease and AIDS require. The Council hereby aims to ensure higher quality housing for all HRA clients with clinical/symptomatic HIV disease and AIDS.

§ 2. Section 21-128 of chapter one of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended as follows:

**§ 21-128. 1. Centralized housing referral and placement system.**

(1) Development and maintenance of referral and placement system. Within one year of the effective date of the local law that added this subdivision, the commissioner shall establish and maintain a housing referral and placement system to track referrals to and placements in emergency and non-emergency housing and to track the conditions at emergency facilities at which clients with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or

with AIDS reside. At a minimum, the housing referral and placement system required by this subdivision shall have: (i) a mechanism to track vacancies at non-emergency housing facilities and to match eligible applicants to appropriate vacancies; (ii) a mechanism to track conditions at emergency housing facilities; and (iii) a mechanism to track the outcome of referrals and length of stay at emergency housing facilities and non-emergency housing facilities.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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