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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring certain cabarets and dance halls to be equipped with identification scanners.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 20-359 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. "Identification scanner" shall mean a device capable of reading the information encoded on a driver's license or state issued identification card and calculating the cardholder's age based on the encoded date of birth, displaying the cardholder's name, age, license number and expiration status contained on such driver's license, and indicating if the license or identification card shows the age to be under twenty-one, under eighteen or expired. As defined in this section, an identification scanner shall be capable of displaying all of the information described herein but shall not record or retain such identification information in memory or transfer it to another device for storage or retention.

§2. Subchapter 20 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-360.2 to read as follows:

§20-360.2. **Identification verification.** No one shall operate a cabaret or public dance hall unless each entrance through which patrons are admitted is equipped with an identification scanner through which the identification of every patron who reasonably appears to be under thirty years of age is scanned, provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to an establishment that operates primarily as a restaurant during

all hours of operation, as determined by rule of the commissioner.

§3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment; provided that the relevant city agencies shall take all necessary steps, including but not limited to the promulgation of rules, to ensure the prompt implementation of this local law upon its effective date.