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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a public information and outreach campaign regarding safe access to reproductive health care

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-119.6 to read as follows:

§ 3-119.6 Public Education on Reproductive Health Care. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Access to reproductive health care facilities law. The term “access to reproductive health care facilities law” means the provisions contained in chapter 10 of title 10 of this code.

Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means the agency that the mayor designates to administer the reproductive health care public education program established by this section.

b. Public education. The mayor shall designate an agency to administer a public education program that informs the public regarding reproductive health care in the city. The administering agency shall, in coordination with the commission on human rights, the department of health and mental hygiene, the department of consumer and worker protection, and such other relevant agencies as the mayor may designate, as appropriate, develop materials in furtherance of such public education program and shall post such materials on the city’s website in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 20-1101. Such public education

program shall include information regarding the following:

(1) Protections for those seeking services or working at a reproductive health care facility as defined in section 10-1002 under the access to reproductive health care facilities law;

(2) Title 8 protections related to sexual and reproductive health decisions, including protections from discrimination and harassment;

(3) The remedies under title 8 available to individuals who have experienced discrimination on the basis of sexual or reproductive health decisions;

(4) The right of an individual to bring a civil action for violations of the access to reproductive health care facilities law and for actual damages based on such law;

(5) The range of reproductive care options that are legal and available in the city, including abortion, pregnancy counseling, and preventative and emergency contraception;

(6) Resources on how to find comprehensive reproductive health care services in the city;

(7) Guidance regarding privacy of protected health information for those seeking reproductive health care services;

(9) Any other rights related to reproductive health care that the administering agency deems appropriate.

§ 2. The mayor shall designate one or more agencies to engage in a media campaign that informs the public regarding reproductive health care in the city. Such campaign may include, but need not be limited to, the categories of information to be included in the public education program operated pursuant to section 3-119.6 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.