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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding the definition of victim of domestic violence to include economic abuse

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The definition of “victim of domestic violence” in section 8-102 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 63 for the year 2018, is amended to read as follows:

Victim of domestic violence. The term “victim of domestic violence” means:

[a] 1. A person who has been subjected to acts or threats of violence, not including acts of self-defense, committed by a current or former spouse or domestic partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim, by a person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, or by a person who is living or has continually or at regular intervals lived in the same household as the victim[.]; or

2. A person who has been subjected to acts or threats of economic abuse, committed by a current or former spouse or domestic partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim, by a person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, or by a person who is living or has continually or at regular intervals lived in the same household as the victim. As used in this definition, the term “economic abuse” means acts or omissions that control, obstruct, or interfere with a person’s ability to use or maintain economic resources to which they are entitled or to acquire economic resources, including by

coercion, deception, fraud, or manipulation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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