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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to shelter sleeping areas

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-312.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-312.1 Shelter sleeping area. a. For purposes of this section, the term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless single adults by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. The commissioner shall ensure that each adult resident of a shelter has at least an individual sleeping area with, at a minimum, a partition separating it from other sleeping areas. The height of such partition shall be sufficient to afford individual privacy, and each individual sleeping area shall be at least the minimum size required by applicable law, rules, or regulations. Where movable partitions are used to separate individual sleeping areas the commissioner shall ensure that each partition has a private door that does not have the ability to lock.

c. The requirements set forth in subdivision b of this section shall not be construed to interfere with contracts or agreements between the department and a shelter provider in effect on the effective date of this section, but shall apply to contracts or agreements executed, renewed, or modified after the effective date of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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