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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a report by the department of health and mental hygiene on drowning deaths that occur in the city

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.23 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.23 Report on drownings. a. Report. No later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department, in consultation with other relevant agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on its website a report on drownings that occurred in the city. Each report shall include the number of drownings in the year for which data on such drownings is most recently available, disaggregated, to the extent available, by:

1. The manner in which the drowning death occurred;
2. The age group of the decedent;
3. The gender identity of the decedent;
4. The race and ethnicity of the decedent;
5. Whether the decedent had any physical, medical, mental, or psychological impairment, or a history or record of such impairment, such as a seizure disorder;
6. Whether alcohol, drugs, or prescription medication was a contributing factor regarding the drowning death;

7. The type of location or facility at which the drowning death occurred, including, but not limited to, a beach, public outdoor pool, public indoor pool, private outdoor pool, or private indoor pool, and whether such location or facility has lifeguard supervision;

8. The council district in which the drowning death occurred; and

9. The community district in which the drowning death occurred.

b. Personally identifiable information. The report required pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall not disclose any identifying information, as defined in section 23-1201, about any individual or any decedent.

c. Information reported. No information that is required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state, or local law relating to the privacy of any individual or any decedent, or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of any law enforcement agency.

§ 2. This local law takes effect January 1, 2024.

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