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By Council Members Ayala and Cabán

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to bi-annual reporting of safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers

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 21-335 to read as follows:

§ 21-335. Bi-annual reporting of safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Drug treatment center. The term “drug treatment center” means a facility known to the department or to the department of health and mental hygiene that offers on-site access to buprenorphine or other widely accepted medications to combat opioid addiction pursuant to state and federal law and on-site access to at least one physician or physician assistant familiar with treating opioid misuse and certified to prescribe buprenorphine or other widely accepted medication to combat opioid addiction pursuant to state and federal law.

Safe haven. The term “safe haven” means a facility operated by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department that provides low-threshold, harm-reduction housing to chronic street homeless individuals, who are referred to such facilities through a department outreach program, without the obligation of entering into other supportive and rehabilitative services in order to reduce barriers to temporary housing.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult

families, and families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. Report. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and every 6 months thereafter, the department, in coordination with the department of health and mental hygiene and any other relevant city agency, shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website information on safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers in the city. Such report shall include the following information for each council district:

1. the total number of safe havens;

2. the total number of shelters;

3. the total number of drug treatment centers;

4. the population served by safe havens, shelters, and drug treatment centers in such council district, including, but not limited to, single adults, adult families, and families with children; and

5. a description of the demographics of the population served by safe havens, shelters, and drug treatment centers in such council district in the previous year, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, age, and primary language spoken.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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