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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a public awareness campaign for the disability rent increase exemption program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 11 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 11-139.1 to read as follows:

§ 11-139.1 Dissemination of disability rent increase exemption program information. a. Each agency designated as a participating agency under the provisions of this section shall, in coordination with the department of finance, implement and administer a program of distribution of information about the disability rent increase exemption program. The following offices are hereby designated as participating agencies: the mayor's office for people with disabilities, the city clerk, community boards, the department of consumer and worker protection, the commission on human rights, the department of housing preservation and development, the department of health and mental hygiene, the human resources administration/department of social services, and the department of parks and recreation; provided, however, that the department of finance, as it deems appropriate, may designate additional agencies to be participating agencies. The department of finance shall further make such information available to city hospitals and public libraries.

b. Participating agencies shall offer information about the disability rent increase exemption program provided by the department of finance to all persons identified as receiving social security disability insurance, supplemental security income under the federal social security act, disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the United States department of veterans affairs, or any other criteria the participating

agency deems relevant, with written applications and related forms for services, other than emergency services, provided by such agency, in the same languages as such written applications or forms where practicable.

c. Participating agencies and the department of finance shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that participating agencies, as defined in section one of this local law, as well as the department of finance, shall take such measures as may be necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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