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By Council Member Holden, the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Vernikov, Narcisse, Moya, Schulman, Louis, Hanks, Brannan and Zhuang

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of New York, in relation to requiring bicyclists to wear protective headgear

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-171.3 to read as follows:

§ 19-171.3 Protective headgear requirement for bicyclists. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bicycle. The term “bicycle” has the same meaning as set forth in section 10-157.

Protective headgear. The term “protective headgear” has the same meaning as set forth in either (i) section 10-157, including any successor provisions, or (ii) section 1238 of the vehicle and traffic law, including any successor provisions, and it is not missing component parts or damaged in a way that impairs its functionality.

b. No person shall ride upon or operate a bicycle without wearing protective headgear of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the headgear straps.

c. Any person who violates subdivision b of this section is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$50.

d. This section shall not apply to any person who is subject to the helmet or protective headgear requirements of section 1238 of the vehicle and traffic law or paragraph (2) of subdivision e of section 10-157.

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

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