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By Council Member Farías, Louis, Cabán, Restler and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an affirmative defense for certain tickets issued to maternal health specialists

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-214 to read as follows:

§ 19-214 Affirmative defense for certain tickets issued to maternal health specialists. a. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Doula. The term "doula" has the same meaning as set forth in section 365-p of the social services law.

House call. The term "house call" means the provision of maternal health services to a patient in their residence or workplace.

Maternal health services. The term "maternal health services" means the provision, by a maternal health specialist, of support to pregnant persons and their families before, during, and after childbirth to assist with the physical, emotional, and practical issues that accompany pregnancy and childbirth.

Maternal health specialist. The term "maternal health specialist" means a doula or midwife.

Midwife. The term "midwife" means a person licensed to practice midwifery by the New York State Education Department.

b. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge for parking where parking is prohibited by a posted sign if the owner or operator produces evidence that they are a maternal health specialist, such as a certified copy of

their certification from a doula educational organization or New York State midwifery license, and was engaged in a house call at the time, and at or around the location, where such violation occurred. This affirmative defense does not apply to a charge for parking where parking is prohibited by rule or where stopping or standing are prohibited by a posted sign or rule.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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