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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to staff each police precinct with a licensed social worker

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 17-199.26 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.26 Social workers at police precincts. a. Definition. For the purpose of this section the term "licensed master social worker" means any personnel, licensed and certified by New York state as a licensed master social worker as defined in section 7701 of the education law.

b. The department of health and mental hygiene shall staff each police precinct with a licensed master social worker employed by the department. Such licensed master social workers shall provide consultation upon request of the police department, members of the public, detained individuals, or crime victims and their families, and shall be available at each police precinct twenty-four hours a day and every day of the week.

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

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