

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

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January 31, 2017
Start: 1:59 p.m.
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:

ELIZABETH S. CROWLEY
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mathieu Eugene
Fernando Cabrera
Rory I. Lancman
Paul A. Vallone

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Good afternoon. My
4 name is Elizabeth Crowley and I am the Chair of the
5 Fire and Criminal Justice Services Committee and
6 today this committee will conduct a vote on Proposed
7 Int. 1224-A [sic], which relates to the City of New
8 York's Fire Department.

9 This bill, of which I am the prime
10 sponsor, will require the Fire Department to report
11 on the use and type of smoke detectors and smoke
12 alarms in fire-related deaths. There are several
13 reporting components of Int. 1294-A.

14 Firstly, the bill would require the Fire
15 Department to publicly report the use of smoke
16 detectors and alarms in civilian fire deaths and
17 permit the Department to include any other
18 information relevant in determining the role of smoke
19 detectors or alarms in any civilian fire fatality.

20 Secondly, this bill would require the
21 reporting of the technology used in any alarm. This
22 issue is crucial, because as fire alarm technology
23 advance we as a city need to know to what extent new
24 technologies are being utilized and how effective
25 they are.

2 Lastly, Int. 1294-A would require the
3 reporting of the cause of death of any civilian fire
4 fatality as determined by the Office of the Chief
5 Medical Examiner and would require the information
6 about smoke detectors to be disaggregated by cause of
7 death. This will allow the public and policymakers
8 to see how certain causes of death such as smoke
9 inhalation correlate with the use of smoke alarms and
10 the technology used in such alarms.

11 I look forward to passing this bill
12 through the Committee today and I would like to thank
13 my staff, the Committee staff and the staff who
14 helped create this bill, and I would like to thank my
15 colleagues who are here today to vote on this bill.
16 And I'd like to recognize the Committee Clerk to take
17 the vote.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
19 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Fire
20 and Criminal Justice Services, Introduction 1294-A.
21 Chair Crowley.

22 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 3 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
5 the item has been adopted by the Committee.

6 [pause]

7 [background comments]

8 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: This is the fastest
9 committee hearing in the Council's history of
10 [background comments] hearings. There's nobody here
11 to testify from the public. And my two other
12 colleagues who are on the Committee have prior
13 commitments and cannot be here. So now we will close
14 the... [pause] we'll close... [background comment] we'll
15 close this vote, 'cause we're not expecting any other
16 votes. Thank you. This concludes the Fire and
17 Criminal Justice Services hearing, January 31, 2017.

18 [gavel]

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Date February 7, 2017