



Legislation Text

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By Council Member Cabrera

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to regulating the use of conducted electrical weapons by the New York city police department

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-175 to read as follows:

§ 14-175 Conducted electrical weapons

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Appropriate personnel. The term “appropriate personnel” means any police officer and any other employee of the department that the department determines would benefit from possessing a conducted electrical weapon.

Conducted electrical weapon. The term “conducted electrical weapon” means any device designed to incapacitate a person through the use of an electric shock.

b. The department shall provide all appropriate personnel with conducted electrical weapons, and train such personnel on the proper usage of such weapons.

c. The department shall post on the department website by the 30th day of January on a yearly basis a report containing information pertaining to the training and usage of conducted electrical weapons for the prior calendar year. Such annual report shall include:

1. the total number of conducted electrical weapons distributed to departmental personnel;

2. the number of departmental personnel trained on the usage of conducted electrical weapons, and the number of hours so provided;

3. the number of instances in which departmental personnel utilized conducted electrical weapons, not including instances in which such weapons were used as part of training; and

4. The rate of injuries to a civilian resulting from the use of a conducted electrical weapon, in total and disaggregated by the following categories for every instance in which a conducted electrical weapon is discharged: (a) no injury, (b) physical injury, such as minor swelling, contusion, laceration, abrasion or complaint of substantial contracted pain, (c) substantial physical injury, such as a significant contusion or laceration that requires sutures or any injury that requires treatment at a hospital emergency room, and (d) serious physical injury, such as a broken or fractured bone, heart attack, stroke, or any injury requiring hospital admission. Such injuries shall also be disaggregated by the precinct or other departmental unit to which the officer who used such weapon was assigned. This information shall be compared to the same information for the previous three reporting periods, where available.

d. The information in subdivision c of this section shall be permanently accessible from the department's website.

§2. This local law takes effect 18 months after it becomes law, provided that the department provides the council with a written update on plans to implement this local law on a quarterly basis.

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