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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a transfer of control over Hart island from the department of corrections to the department of parks and recreation, and to provide for the repeal of section 9-103 of the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to the segregation of prisoners on Hart island

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 9-103 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.

§ 2. Section 21-110 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-110 Potter's field. The commissioner shall have charge of the Potter's Fields, and when the necessity therefor shall arise, shall have power to lay out additional Potter's Fields or other public burial places for the poor and strangers and from time to time enclose and extend the same to make enclosures therein and to build vaults therein, and to provide all necessary labor and for interments therein. The Potter's Field on [Hart's] Hart island, however, shall remain under the control of the department of correction[, and the] until the earlier of (i) the commissioner laying out additional Potter's Fields, or (ii) July 1, 2021, at which time Hart island shall be under the control of the department of parks and recreation. At such time, burial of deceased paupers [therein] at Hart island shall [continue] occur under rules and regulations established by either the joint action of the departments of social services[, and correction, or in case of disagreement between such departments, under such regulations as may be established] and parks and recreation, or by action of another agency designated by the mayor.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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