

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

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Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Amanda Farías

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating education on estate planning for people contemplating high-risk medical procedures

Submitted by:

Council Member Amanda Farías

Justification:

Medical complications can occur during high-risk medical procedures and potentially result in either life-changing or fatal outcomes. Without proper planning beforehand, individuals could undergo procedures and, in the case they suffer a debilitating or fatal medical complication, die intestate or be rendered unable to make a will or estate plan, thus dying intestate after a prolonged period. In cases where an individual does not have any immediate or extended relatives, or has not created an estate plan or will, and does not want their possessions rendered to the state, they should have access to educational materials around estate planning so they can be prepared in case the worst happens.

That is why this bill would require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, with the help of the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, to create educational materials around estate planning. These materials would be made available on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's website and prepared in the designated citywide languages. Additionally, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene would create guidelines for the distribution of these materials at hospitals for patients that are facing high-risk medical procedures.