

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
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ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Julie Menin, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Gale A. Brewer
Amanda Farías
Chi A. Ossé

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mic check, mic check.

3 This is a mic check on the vote on Consumer and
4 Worker Protection. Today's date is November 12, 2025,
5 in Hearing Room 2, recorded by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
7 to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

9 Please silence all cell phone and
10 electronic devices.

11 Chair, we're ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: [GAVEL] Good morning.

13 I'm Julie Menin, Chair of the Committee on Consumer
14 and Worker Protection, and welcome to today's vote on
15 Proposed Introduction Number 1193-A and Proposed
16 Introduction Number 1308.

17 First of all, I want to recognize my
18 fellow Committee Members who are here, Council Member
19 Ossé, Majority Leader Fariás, Council Member Abreu,
20 Council Member Brewer, and we'll recognize additional
21 Colleagues as they join.

22 Proposed Introduction Number 1193-A,
23 sponsored by Council Member Salaam, would require
24 home improvement contractors to disclose in writing
25 whether there are any permits foreseeably required to

2 perform the work specified in a contract. If so, they
3 would need to disclose which permits are required and
4 who's responsible for obtaining them, what actions
5 need to be taken to obtain the permits, and how
6 owners can verify the status of any permits. The bill
7 would also require the Department of Consumer and
8 Worker Protection to conduct an outreach and
9 education campaign to raise awareness of these new
10 requirements and would require the Department of
11 Buildings to conduct an outreach and education
12 campaign on the watch list of contractors who have
13 performed work without the required permits.

14 Proposed Introduction Number 1308-A,
15 which I sponsored, would reform many of the City's
16 business licensing laws to ease the regulatory
17 burdens for small businesses without, of course,
18 impacting consumer protection or enforcement. It
19 would merge the electronic store and the electronic
20 or home appliance service dealer licenses. Individual
21 locksmiths and manufacturers of locks, for example,
22 would no longer need to be licensed. The
23 fingerprinting requirement would be eliminated for
24 process servers, dealers, and secondhand goods, as
25 well as locksmiths. Secondhand clothing dealers and

2 distributors for general vendors would no longer be
3 required to be licensed, and process servers,
4 industrial laundries, and dealer in secondhand goods
5 would no longer be required to execute a surety bond.
6 This bill would also eliminate fees for replacing
7 lost or destroyed licenses so that, once again, we're
8 making it easier on small businesses.

9 Council Member Salaam is unable to be
10 here, but he's asked that I read the following
11 statement on his behalf.

12 Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to
13 the Members of the Committee for allowing me to
14 submit this statement ahead of today's vote. Intro.
15 1193-A is about protecting New Yorkers, especially
16 homeowners and tenants, from being taken advantage of
17 by contractors who perform work without the proper
18 permits. Too often, families invest their hard-earned
19 savings into home improvements, only to later
20 discover that the work was done illegally, leading to
21 fines, unsafe conditions, or delays when trying to
22 sell their homes. This bill creates a clear
23 responsibility for home improvement contractors to
24 provide written notice outlining which permits are
25 required, who is responsible for obtaining them, and

2 how homeowners can verify those permits through City
3 databases. It empowers everyday New Yorkers to make
4 informed decisions before signing a contract. It also
5 directs the Department of Consumer and Worker
6 Protection and the Department of Buildings to focus
7 on outreach and education, not just enforcement. That
8 means plain language materials in multiple citywide
9 languages and online tools to help residents identify
10 licensed contractors and understand their rights.
11 Contractors who fail to disclose permit information
12 will face fines of up to 500 dollars per violation,
13 and any unlicensed contractor performing work that
14 requires a license will face misdemeanor charges
15 punishable by up to six months in jail, a 1,000-
16 dollar fine, or both. In a city where home
17 renovations are costly and complex, this legislation
18 promotes transparency, fairness, and safety while
19 helping ensure durable homes and reducing long-term
20 maintenance costs.

21 I want to thank my Director of Budget and
22 Legislative Affairs, Mufazzal Hossain, for his
23 leadership in bringing this bill forward, and the
24 Committee Staff for their dedication and partnership.

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2 Okay. Now, I'm going to ask the Clerk to
3 call the roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote, Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.
7 Both items are coupled.

8 Chair Menin.

9 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: I vote aye, and
10 congratulations to Council Member Salaam.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

18 Ossé.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
21 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
22 negative, and no abstentions, both items have been
23 adopted by the Committee.

24 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: [GAVEL] That closes
25 our hearing. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date November 25, 2025