



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO.: 118-A

COMMITTEE: Committee on Governmental
Operations

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to requiring the Mayor's Office of Operations to develop and disseminate a business owner's bill of rights.

SPONSORS: By Council Members Koslowitz, Comrie, Dromm, Fidler, Nelson, Reyna, Arroyo, Crowley, White, Recchia and Ulrich.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation requires the Mayor's Office of Operations to develop a business owner's bill of rights that advises business owners of their rights as they relate to agency inspections. The bill of rights shall include notice of every business owner's right to: i) consistent enforcement of agency rules; ii) compliment or complain about an inspector; iii) contest a notice of violation before the relevant local tribunal; iv) an inspector who behaves in a professional and courteous manner; v) an inspector who can answer reasonable questions relating to the inspection, or promptly make an appropriate referral; and vi) an inspector with a sound knowledge of the applicable laws, rules and regulations.

To the extent practicable, the office of operations shall develop and implement a plan to distribute the bill of rights to all relevant business owners.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect ninety days following enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY10	FY Succeeding Effective FY11	Full Fiscal Impact FY10
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: This legislation would have no impact on expenditures since existing resources would be used to develop and distribute the business owner's bill of rights.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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HISTORY: This legislation was introduced by the Council on March 25, 2010 and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and the Committee on Small Business. The Committee on Governmental Operations, along with the Committee on Small Business, held a joint committee hearing on April 21, 2010 with regard to this legislation, which was then laid over. The Committee on Governmental Operations will consider Proposed Intro. No. 118-A on May 11, 2010.