

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Shaun Abreu, Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Julie Menin
Gale A. Brewer
Shekar Krishnan

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is
3 the microphone check for the Committee on Consumer
4 and Worker Protection. Today's date is November 25th,
5 2025, located in here in Hearing Room 2, recording
6 done by Pedro Lugo.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, welcome
8 to the New York City Council Committee vote on the
9 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

10 At this time, can everybody please
11 silence your cell phones.

12 At this time and going forward, no one is
13 to approach the dais.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON ABREU: [GAVEL] Good
16 morning. I am Council Member Sean Abreu, and I'm
17 sitting in for Chair Menin of the Committee on
18 Consumer and Worker Protection.

19 Welcome to today's vote on Proposed Intro
20 Number 1049-A. I would like to recognize my fellow
21 Committee Members, Brewer, Menin, Krishnan.

22 It seems to be standard practice that gas
23 stations will authorize self-service machines to
24 place pre-authorization holds on a consumer's credit
25 or debit card in an amount that is greater than the

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2 actual transaction amount. Gas stations do this
3 because if a consumer uses a self-service machine, it
4 is unknown how much petroleum the person will buy
5 until after the transaction is complete. However,
6 consumers may be unaware of this pre-authorization
7 hold, which could be greater than the amount the
8 consumer has in their bank account, resulting in an
9 overdraft fee or a declined transaction. Proposed
10 Intro. Number 1049-A, sponsored by Council Member
11 Brooks-Powers, would address this issue by requiring
12 any person who imposes a pre-authorization hold on
13 the retail sale of petroleum to post a written notice
14 that includes information about the initiation of the
15 hold, the amount of the hold, and the ways a consumer
16 could avoid a hold. The written notice will be
17 displayed where payment for petroleum is accepted.
18 Thank you.

19 I ask the Clerk to call the roll.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
21 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
22 of the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.
23 Proposed Introduction 1049-A.

24 Abreu.

25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

7 Krishnan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

10 With a vote of four in the affirmative,
11 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, item has
12 been adopted.

13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON ABREU: I'm going to
14 keep the vote open.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: And the
16 vote will be held open at request of the Chair.

17 Final vote, Committee on Consumer and
18 Worker Protection. Proposed Introduction 1049-A is
19 four in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no
20 abstentions.

21 Council Member Abreu to close.

22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON ABREU: This hearing is
23 hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date December 14, 2025