



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

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 371-A

COMMITTEE: Women's Issues

TITLE: To amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to pregnancy services centers.

SPONSORS: Lappin, the Speaker (Council Member Quinn), Arroyo, Ferreras, Mendez, Garodnick, Reyna, Foster, Brewer, Comrie, Fidler, James, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Palma, Rose, Van Bramer, Rodriguez, Chin, Dickens, Dromm, Mark-Viverito and Jackson.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would require, among other provisions, pregnancy services centers to disclose certain information to its patients including whether the center does or does not have a licensed medical provider on staff who provides or directly supervises the provision of services, provides referrals for abortion, emergency contraception, and/or prenatal care. It would also require pregnancy services centers to ensure that all health information and personal information provided by a client in the course of inquiring about or seeking services at a pregnancy services center shall be treated as confidential and not disclosed to any other individual, company or organization unless such client, in writing, requests or consents to the release of such information, or disclosure is required by operation of law or court order.

Any pregnancy services center that violates the provisions of this legislation shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than two hundred dollars, or no more than one thousand dollars for the first violation, and a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars or no more than two thousand-five hundred dollars for each succeeding violation. Further violations may lead to the closure of a center. Mutilation or removal of a posted order of the commissioner or his designee shall be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding fifteen days, or both, provided such order contains therein a notice of such penalty. Any other intentional disobedience or resistance to any provision including using or occupying or permitting any other person to use or occupy any premises ordered closed without the permission of the department, in addition to any other punishment prescribed by law, will be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect one hundred twenty days after its enactment into law, provided that the commissioner may promulgate any rules necessary for implementing and carrying out the provisions of this local law prior to its effective date.

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

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY13	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY12
Revenues (+)	de minimus	de minimus	de minimus
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There would be minimal impact on revenues by the enactment of this legislation (due to fine collections as a result of violations).

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no additional expenditures by the enactment of this legislation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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HISTORY: Introduced as Intro. 371 by the Council on October 13, 2010 and referred to the Committee on Women's Issues. On November 16, 2010, Intro 371 was considered by the Committee and laid over. On March 1, 2011, an amended version, Proposed Intro 371-A was considered and voted out by the Committee.

DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL: OCTOBER 13, 2010