LOCAL LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 2019

No. 142

Introduced by Council Members Ayala, Kallos, Rosenthal, Chin and Rivera.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mental health treatment for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-158 to read as follows:

§ 9-158 Mental health treatment for transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals The department shall ensure that any housing unit where transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary, and intersex individuals are housed has access to the same mental health treatment as units housing other incarcerated individuals.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 9-145 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new definition of "correctional health services" in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Correctional health services. The term "correctional health services" means the entity responsible for the delivery of health and mental health services to incarcerated individuals in the custody of the department.

§ 3. Section 9-145 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 123 for the year 2016, is amended by adding a new subdivision e to read as follows:

e. Transgender care. Correctional health services shall ensure that all medical and substance abuse professionals working with transgender individuals receive specialized training on transgender and gender-affirming care conducted by an individual or organization with expertise in the subject.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on June 26, 2019 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on July 30, 2019.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 142 of 2019, Council Int. No. 1513-A of 2019) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.