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

No. 144

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

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on housing decisions made for transgender, gender nonconforming, 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 9-157 to read as follows:

§ 9-157 Housing requests related to gender identity.

a. On or before January 1, 2020, the department shall issue an incident level report to the speaker of the council and the board of correction on applications for housing in dedicated housing units that includes transgender, gender non-binary, and intersex individuals made during the six-month period preceding the date of issuance of such report. Such report shall include the following information for each such application: the outcome of such request; the length of time between such application and a decision on such application; if such request was denied, the reason for such denial in categories defined by the department; if an appeal was filed, the outcome of such appeal and the length of time between the filing of such appeal and the response to such appeal. Before submitting such reports, the department shall remove all personal identifiers. Any individually identifiable information contained in such reports shall not be publicly disclosed

except as required by law or with the written consent of the person who is the subject of the information, or that person's authorized representative. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the reports required by this subdivision are not required to be transmitted in electronic format to the department of records and information services, or its successor agency, and are not required to be made available to the public on or through the department of records and information services' web site, or its successor's web site.

b. On or before January 1, 2020, the department shall publish on its website a report on applications for housing in a dedicated housing unit that includes transgender, gender non-binary, and intersex individuals made during the six-month period preceding the date of issuance of such report. Such report shall include the number of such applications, the number of such applications that were granted, and the number of applications denied, the number of such applications that were appealed, and the outcomes of such appeals. Such report shall be submitted in a machine readable format, compared to the previous four reporting periods, and stored permanently on the department's website.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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. 144 of 2019, Council Int. No. 1530-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.