**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 2234

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Gjonaj, Chin, Cabrera, The Speaker (Council Member Johnson), Holden, Ayala, Gibson, Brannan, Rosenthal, Louis and Gennaro

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law in relation to requiring the waiver and refund of certain civil penalties, and allowing additional civil penalty relief, during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would provide temporary civil penalty relief for small businesses from certain sanitation, health, transportation, consumer affairs, noise control and buildings violations. Retroactively, from March 12, 2020 until legislation establishing long-term civil penalty relief takes effect, it would waive certain penalties and refund certain penalties already paid. From the effective date of legislation establishing long-term civil penalty relief until the expiration of New York City Executive Order No. 98 of 2020, it would allow for additional cure periods or no penalties for second or third violations as well as additional civil penalty relief.

**Effective Date:**

Sections one, four, six, nine, eleven and thirteen: Immediately and are retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of March 12, 2020.

Sections two, five, seven, ten, twelve and fourteen: 120 days after they become law. Expire and deemed repealed on the date that New York City Executive Order No. 98 of 2020, declaring a local state of emergency relating to COVID-19, expires.

Sections three and eight: Immediately and are retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of March 12, 2020. Expire and are deemed repealed on the date that Executive Order No. 98 of 2020 expires.

**Legislative Impact:**

[x]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[x]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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