**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 936-A

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Rosenthal, Grodenchik, Levine, Lander, Moya, Ayala, Ampry-Samuel, Rivera, Chin, Powers, Van Bramer, Koslowitz, Gibson, Brannan, Adams, Reynoso, Gjonaj, Kallos, Dromm, Salamanca, Cabrera, Rodriguez, Holden, Vallone, Perkins, Treyger, Cornegy, Eugene, Barron, Maisel, Rose, Menchaca, Koo, Cumbo, Louis and Gennaro

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to restricting single-use plastic beverage straws, beverage stirrers and beverage splash sticks, and to repeal chapter 4 of title 16 of such code, relating to rechargeable batteries

**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 restrict food service establishments – such as restaurants, cafes, delis, bars, grocery stores and food trucks – from providing single-use plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks to customers. Providing single-use plastic stirrers and splash sticks of any kind would be prohibited. Providing non-compostable, single-use plastic straws would be prohibited except upon request. For customers who request a non-compostable plastic straw, food service establishments would be required to provide one free of charge, without inquiring about the reason for the request. To refuse to provide a non-compostable plastic straw or to inquire about the reason for the request could constitute a violation of the City’s Human Rights Law. Food service establishments would additionally be required to stock non-compostable plastic straws to fulfill customer requests, and would have to post signs advertising the straws’ availability at self-serve stations. Compostable plastic straws would be permitted to be given out upon request only for use on-premises, and only if the food service establishment properly separates and disposes of those straws through a commercial composting provider. Food service establishments who violate the provisions of this bill would be liable for civil penalties.

This bill would also repeal Chapter 4 of Title 16 of the Administrative Code pertaining to the recycling of rechargeable batteries, which is currently governed by State law.

**Effective Date:**

November 1, 2021

**Legislative Impact:**

**☐ Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

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

**☐ 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 is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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