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Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass A. 3407/ S. 2331 mandating that child day care center employees receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training and certification.

By Council Members Gerson, Fidler, Gentile, Palma and Sanders Jr.

Whereas, The health and safety of children who are in the care of others is a primary concern for all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, Accidents, including those that cause sudden cardiac arrest, are the leading cause of death among toddlers and children; and

Whereas, Early CPR is one of the four critical links in the chain of survival for sudden cardiac arrest victims; and

Whereas, CPR helps maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain and increases the amount of time that an electric shock from a defibrillator can be effective; and

Whereas, When CPR is performed immediately after a traumatic accident, it can prevent death as well as brain injury; and

Whereas, Brain death starts to occur four to six minutes after a child suffers cardiac arrest if no CPR and defibrillation occurs during that time; and

Whereas, According to the American Heart Association CPR can double or triple the chances of survival for a sudden cardiac arrest victim; and

Whereas, The Office of Children and Family Services does not require day care center employees to have CPR training, but merely encourages it; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association offers both credentialed courses and awareness programs to train people in CPR, with options for child, and infant CPR, relief of choking, and use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator); and

Whereas, New York State should be a national leader and increase the rate of survival for sudden cardiac arrest victims; and

Whereas, It is imperative that employees are trained to provide aid to the children in their care; and

Whereas, No child should die needlessly due to sudden cardiac arrest simply because the caretaker did

not have proper CPR training, now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass A. 3407/ S. 2331 mandating that child day care center employees receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training and certification.

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