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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to conducting education and outreach regarding single-occupant toilet room requirements

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. By no later than December 31, 2019, an agency designated by the mayor, shall certify to the speaker of the council and the mayor that all buildings owned or leased by the city comply with sections 403.2.1 and 403.4 of the New York city plumbing code.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 8 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 8-133 to read as follows:

§ 8-133 Education and outreach regarding single-occupant toilet room requirements. The commission on human rights, in conjunction with the department of buildings, shall conduct outreach to the public at large regarding single-occupant toilet room requirements, which shall, at a minimum, include educational materials to inform transgender and gender non-conforming individuals of a building owner's required compliance with sections 403.2.1 and 403.4 of the New York city plumbing code and the violations and penalties that result from non-compliance with such sections. Such materials shall be available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101 and shall include a statement that any non-compliance with such sections may be reported to 311 and shall be posted on the commission's website.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 28-103.32 to read as follows:

§ 28-103.32 Education and outreach regarding single-occupant toilet room requirements. The department, in conjunction with (i) the mayor's office of immigrant affairs, (ii) the commission on human

rights, (iii) the department of consumer affairs, (iv) the department of health and mental hygiene, (v) the department of small business services, (vi) the department of citywide administrative services and (vii) any other office or agency designated by the mayor, shall conduct education and outreach to increase awareness of sections 403.2.1 and 403.4 of the New York city plumbing code, regarding single-occupant toilet room requirements. Such education and outreach shall be tailored to business owners, and shall, at a minimum, include educational materials concerning such single-occupant toilet room requirements and the related posting and signage requirements, including samples of acceptable signage. Such materials and sample signage shall be available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101. Information concerning such requirements shall also be made available on the department's website.

§ 4. Chapter 1 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 28-103.32.1 to read as follows:

§ 28-103.32.1 Reporting. By no later than April 1, 2019, and annually thereafter until April 1, 2023, the commissioner of buildings shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department's website, a report on:

1. The education and outreach conducted as required by section 28-103.32 including a description of how such outreach was conducted and the number of business owners reached through the outreach;
2. The number of complaints related to sections 403.2.1 and 403.4 of the New York city plumbing code reported to 311, disaggregated by online complaints and phone complaints;
3. The number of violations issued as a result of such complaints;
4. The total amount of penalties imposed as a result of such violations for the immediately preceding year; and
5. Whether subsequent inspections were conducted by the department to ensure future compliance with such sections of the New York city plumbing code.

The reports required pursuant to this section shall remain permanently accessible on the department's website.

§ 5. Section one of this local law takes effect immediately. Sections two and three of this local law take effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of buildings and the commissioner on human rights may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before its effective date. Section four of this local law takes effect immediately and is deemed repealed five years after it becomes law.

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