



Legislation Text

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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Restler, Cabán and Hanif

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to post quarterly reports on its website relating to the use of seat belt holds and chokeholds

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-192 to read as follows:

§14-192. Use of seat belt holds and chokeholds. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Chokehold. The term “chokehold” means to wrap an arm around or grip a person’s neck in a manner that may limit or cut off either the flow of air by compressing the windpipe, or the flow of blood through the carotid arteries on each side of the neck.

Seat belt hold. The term “seat belt hold” means to wrap an arm over a person’s shoulder with the other arm wrapped under the opposite armpit with hands clasped together in front of the body.

b. Reports on the use of seat belt holds and chokeholds. Beginning January 1, 2023, and quarterly thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post a report on the department website containing information pertaining to the use of force for the prior quarter. Such quarterly report shall include:

1. The total number of seat belt holds employed by department personnel; and
2. The total number of seat belt holds that were deemed failed and resulted in the use of a chokehold.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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