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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the provision of mental health first aid training

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.26 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.26 Mental health first aid training. a. No later than one year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner, in collaboration with the office of community mental health, shall offer mental health first aid training to the general public. Such training shall instruct participants on how to identify, understand, and respond to the signs and risk factors for mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Such training shall be conducted every day, excluding holidays, at no cost to participants.

b. The training offered pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall be conducted in English, and, in addition, at least 6 times per year in each of the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101.

c. The commissioner, in collaboration with the office of community mental health, shall conduct outreach to increase awareness of the availability of the training offered pursuant to subdivision a of this section. The commissioner shall also conduct additional outreach specifically targeted to encourage individuals that have roles or professions that require frequent interaction with the public, such as salon workers, religious leaders, and community leaders, to participate in the training.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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