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By Council Member Miller

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that balloons made with electrically conductive material and filled with gas lighter than air be weighted and include warning labels

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 13 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 13

TOYS AND AMUSEMENTS

§ 20-699.7 Balloon weights and warnings required. a. Any retailer who sells or offers for sale balloons made of electrically conductive material or accessorized with electrically conductive material shall attach to each such balloon:

1. A label warning the consumer about the risk of fire and electrical outages if the balloon touches an electrical power line. Such statement shall be printed in a legible font size, as specified by the commissioner by rule, and attached to the body of the balloon;

2. A label with the identity of the retailer to each balloon; and

3. If the balloon is filled with a gas lighter than air, an object of sufficient weight to prevent the balloon from floating away.

b. Any retailer who sells or offers for sale a balloon in violation of subdivision a of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 for each such balloon, except that total penalties assessed against

such a retailer shall not exceed \$2,000 per day.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of consumer affairs may take all actions necessary for its implementation including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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