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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to panic buttons for houses of worship

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-181 as follows:

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

House of worship. The term "house of worship" has the same meaning as that in section 19-162.1.

Panic button. The term "panic button" means a help or distress signaling system that connects an individual in distress or someone assisting that individual with the department, and that can alert nearby pedestrians when activated, by visual sign or sound.

b. Establishment of a panic button program for houses of worship. Upon request, the department shall fully reimburse houses of worship for the costs of purchasing and installing panic buttons.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes a law, except that the commissioner of the department shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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