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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services to provide domestic violence services at all shelters

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-142.6 to read as follows:

§ 21-142.6 Domestic violence services at all shelters. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Domestic violence. The term “domestic violence” means acts or threats of violence, not including acts of self-defense, committed by a family or household member against another family or household member.

Domestic violence services. The term “domestic violence services” means the coordination of appropriate services to clients who have experienced domestic violence, including but not limited to counseling, legal services, and access to employment, housing, childcare, and other resources, where such coordination is provided primarily by a social worker.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to individuals experiencing homelessness by the department of homeless services or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of homeless services.

b. The department shall ensure that domestic violence services are provided to all shelters and available to clients who wish to access such services.

c. Each shelter shall be required to post information on the availability of such domestic violence

services in a conspicuous location accessible to all individuals residing in such shelter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, provided that the commissioner may take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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