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on Cities

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in  
relation to limiting the number of shelters in council districts

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended  
2     by adding a new section 21-316 to read as follows:

3     S 21-316 LIMITS ON SHELTER CAPACITY OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS. A. FOR THE  
4     PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING  
5     MEANINGS:

6     1. "CAPACITY" SHALL MEAN THE NUMBER OF SHELTER BEDS PROVIDED FOR INDI-  
7     VIDUAL HOMELESS SINGLE ADULTS AND THE NUMBER OF SHELTER UNITS PROVIDED  
8     FOR HOMELESS ADULT FAMILIES AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

9     2. "SHELTER" SHALL MEAN TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING PROVIDED TO HOME-  
10    LESS ADULTS, ADULT FAMILIES, AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BY THE DEPART-  
11    MENT OR A PROVIDER UNDER CONTRACT OR SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPART-  
12    MENT.

13    B.     THE DEPARTMENT SHALL LIMIT THE SHELTER CAPACITY OF EACH COUNCIL  
14    DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO NO MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF  
15    THE TOTAL SHELTER CAPACITY OF THE BOROUGH WHERE SUCH COUNCIL DISTRICT IS  
16    LOCATED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT RENEW ANY SHELTER CONTRACT OR SIMILAR  
17    AGREEMENT IF THE COUNCIL DISTRICT WHERE SUCH SHELTER IS LOCATED HAS MORE  
18    THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SHELTER CAPACITY OF THE BOROUGH WHERE  
19    SUCH COUNCIL DISTRICT IS LOCATED.

20    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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