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      Introduced by M. of A. BLAKE -- read once and referred to the Committee
        on Cities

      AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in
        relation to requiring the Department of Homeless Services to notify
        the affected community board prior to locating transitional housing
        for the homeless

        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 21-317 to read as follows:
 3   S 21-317 COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. 1. WHEN THE DEPARTMENT
 4 INTENDS TO USE A NEW LOCATION AS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR ELIGIBLE HOME-
 5 LESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, OR EXPAND AN EXISTING LOCATION WHERE
 6 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS PROVIDED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFI-
 7 CATION IN WRITING TO THE COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY DISTRICT IN
 8 WHICH THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WILL BE LOCATED. SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE
 9 PROVIDED AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ENTERS INTO A
10 CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROVIDER OR OTHER-
11 WISE FINALIZES ITS DECISION TO USE OR EXPAND A LOCATION AS TRANSITIONAL
12 HOUSING.
13   2. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE ADDRESS OF THE TRANSITIONAL
14 HOUSING, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HOUSED, THE NAME OF THE PERSON
15 OR ENTITY OPERATING THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, THE NAME OF ANY ORGANIZA-
16 TION, WHETHER FOR-PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT, THAT WILL BE PROVIDING
17 SERVICES TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, THE TYPE OF TRAN-
18 SITIONAL HOUSING, A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED,
19 THE RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING SUCH LOCATION, AND AN APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE
20 FOR WHEN SUCH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WILL BE USED OR EXPANDED.
21   3. THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ANY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY OPER-
22 ATED OR CONTRACTED FOR, BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, REGARDLESS OF
23 ITS SIZE AND CAPACITY.
24   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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