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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-317 to read as follows:

S 21-317 COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. 1. WHEN THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO USE A NEW LOCATION AS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR ELIGIBLE HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, OR EXPAND AN EXISTING LOCATION WHERE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS PROVIDED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION IN WRITING TO THE COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY DISTRICT IN WHICH THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WILL BE LOCATED. SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ENTERS INTO A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROVIDER OR OTHERWISE FINALIZES ITS DECISION TO USE OR EXPAND A LOCATION AS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

2. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE ADDRESS OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HOUSED, THE NAME OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY OPERATING THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, THE NAME OF ANY ORGANIZATION, WHETHER FOR-PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT, THAT WILL BE PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, THE TYPE OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED, THE RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING SUCH LOCATION, AND AN APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE FOR WHEN SUCH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WILL BE USED OR EXPANDED.

3. THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ANY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY OPERATED OR CONTRACTED FOR, BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE AND CAPACITY.

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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