

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to authorizing the city council to "call up" any New York city department of health regulation for review

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 28 of the New York city charter is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision h to read as follows:

3 h. (1) The council shall have the authority to elect to review any New
4 York city department of health regulation by voting to take jurisdiction
5 within twenty days after the city department of health files its report.

6 (2) (A) An application which is subject to elective review by the
7 council, shall be reviewed if such application was disapproved by the
8 community board and borough president, was approved or approved with
9 modifications by the city department of health, and the borough presi-
10 dent files an objection to the city department of health's approval with
11 the council and the city department of health within five days of
12 receipt of the city department of health's approval.

13 (B) Within fifty days of receipt of the city department of health's
14 report on an application that is either subject to mandatory review or
15 is "called-up" by the council, the council shall hold a public hearing,
16 and approve, approve with modifications or disapprove the decision of
17 the city department of health.

18 (C) If, during the course of its fifty-day review period, the council
19 decides it wants to approve an application with modification, it can do
20 so only by referring the proposed modification back to the city depart-
21 ment of health. Such department shall then determine if the modification
22 is of such significance that additional review is necessary. If such
23 department determines that additional review is needed, the council may
24 not adopt the modification. If no additional review is needed, the coun-

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

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1 cil can adopt the application with the modification. When the council
2 proposes a modification, such department has fifteen days to make its
3 determination and during such period the council's fifty day clock is
4 stopped.

5 (3) A council action approving, approving with modifications or disap-
6 proving the city department of health actions, requires a majority vote
7 of the council.

8 (4) If the council fails to act within its review period, the council
9 shall be deemed to have approved the decision of the city department of
10 health.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
12 it shall have become a law.