STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring a process for notification of new homeless shelters and conducting a public information session in the community where the proposed shelter is to be located

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

Section 1. Section 21-324 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to requiring new homeless shelters conduct a public hearing in the community where the proposed shelter is to be located before being sited, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7215-A and A. 7820-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-324 Community involvement. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department shall establish a process for the [~~siting~~] notification of new homeless shelters [~~for adults~~], other than short-term emergency homeless shelters. Such notification shall include elected officials and the community board for the district in which the proposed shelter is to be sited. Such process shall also include sending a notice annually during the first quarter of each calendar year, electronically and physically, to federal, state and local elected officials requesting potential locations for homeless shelters. Such process shall be posted publicly on the agency's website.

b. The process developed by the department under this section shall also include conducting at least one public [~~hearing~~] information session on the siting of any new homeless shelter. The department shall provide notice to the public of such information sessions on its website no later than fourteen days before the date such session is set to occur. Such public [~~hearings~~] information session shall be held in the

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

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community district in which such proposed homeless shelter is to be located **and shall allow the public to ask questions and submit comments. Such information session shall not be conducted in a manner that delays the siting of the proposed shelter**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to requiring new homeless shelters conduct a public hearing in the community where the proposed shelter is to be located before being sited, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7215-A and A. 7820-A, takes effect.