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Introduced by M. of A. EICHENSTEIN -- 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 creating the blue light emergency phones pilot program and to direct the commissioner of parks and recreation to study and report upon the use of such program

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 18-159 to read as follows:

§ 18-159 Blue light emergency phones pilot program. In one park, operated by or under the jurisdiction of the department, in each of the five boroughs, the department shall implement a blue light emergency phones pilot program for the purpose of public safety. Under such program, the department shall install blue lighted emergency phones that, when used, shall automatically dial 9-1-1 and ring directly to the police department.

§ 2. The commissioner of parks and recreation shall cause a study to be performed to analyze how the implementation of blue light emergency phones pilot program in parks impacts public safety compared to parks without such a program.

§ 3. On or before three hundred sixty-five days after all five locations identified for the blue light emergency phones pilot program have become operational, the commissioner of parks and recreation shall complete the study conducted pursuant to section two of this act and shall thereafter deliver a copy of the findings of the study and any legislative recommendations he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the mayor of the city of New York.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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