STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. COLTON -- 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 the location of homeless shelters

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 21-124.2 to read as follows:

§ 21-124.2 Location of homeless shelters. a. No homeless shelter shall be established within five hundred feet of any school, place of worship or transit facility.

b. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "place of worship" means a building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue, mosque, temple or other place of religious worship;

(2) "school" includes a public or private kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, elementary or secondary school; and

(3) "transit facility" means a rapid transit railroad, omnibus line or any other facility or any railroad in the city used for local service in the transportation of passengers as common carriers for hire or in the transportation of the United States mail or personal property, and any portion thereof and the rights, leaseholds or other interests therein, together with the devices and appurtenances, facilities and equipment thereof and power plants and other instrumentalities used or useful therefor or in connection therewith.

c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a shelter program or food program operated by a place of worship.

§ 2. 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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