

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:

1 Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended
2 by adding a new section 21-124.2 to read as follows:

3 § 21-124.2 Location of homeless shelters. a. No homeless shelter shall
4 be established within five hundred feet of any school, place of worship
5 or transit facility.

6 b. For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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