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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- 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 requiring alternating high and low, two-toned signal devices on emergency services vehicles

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

Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 24-241 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 113 of the city of New York for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No person shall operate or permit to be operated an emergency signal device installed on an authorized emergency vehicle [~~that when~~] **unless:**

1. When operated at the maximum level **such emergency signal device** creates a sound level [~~in excess of~~] **that does not exceed** 90 dB(A) when measured at a distance of fifty feet from the center of the forward face of such vehicle[~~.~~]**; and**

2. Such emergency signal device produces an alternating high and low, two-toned sound in accordance with implementation standards established by the department.

(c) Within one year after the effective date of this subdivision and every two years thereafter, emergency signal devices installed on authorized emergency vehicles shall be tested and certification shall be submitted, in a form approved by the department, that such devices meet the [~~standard~~] **standards** set forth in [~~this~~] subdivision **(b) of this section** for operation at maximum level **and with an alternating high and low two-toned sound**. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, where compliance with the provisions of [~~this~~] subdivision **(b) of this section** would create an undue hardship, the owner or operator of an authorized emergency vehicle may submit a plan to the commissioner for emergency signal devices to meet the [~~standard~~] **standards** set forth in [~~this~~]

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

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subdivision **(b) of this section** within two years after the effective date of this subdivision. Such plan shall be submitted within one year after the effective date of this subdivision in lieu of the required certification. [~~**This subdivision shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles of the police department, fire department or authorized emergency vehicles responding to medical emergencies.**~~]

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.