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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to deadlines for installing natural gas detectors and to repeal section 908.10 of the building code relating thereto

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subparagraph (c) of paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 27-2045 of the administrative code of the city New York, as added by local law number 157 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(c) [Provide] On or before January 1, 2027, provide and install one or more approved and operational natural gas detecting devices in accordance with [section 908.10] section 908.13 of the New York city building code or section [28-315.2.3 of the code] 28-315.2.4, as applicable, or, in the alternative for class B multiple dwellings, provide and install a line-operated zoned natural gas detecting system with central annunciation and central office tie-in for all public corridors and public spaces, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of buildings or by the commissioner in consultation with the department of buildings and the fire department. The commissioner of buildings may by rule extend the date by which such device or system must be installed after making a determination of the number of manufacturers of battery-powered natural gas alarms pursuant to section 28-315.2.4.1;

§ 2. Section 28-315.2.4 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 157 for the year 2016, is amended and a new section 28-315.2.4.1 is added to read as follows:

§ 28-315.2.4 Natural gas alarms. [Natural] On or before January 1, 2027, natural gas alarms shall be provided and installed in accordance with section [908.10] 908.13 of the New York city

1 building code [on or before May 1 of the first year that commences after the department, by rule,
2 establishes or adopts a standard governing the installation and location of natural gas alarms].

3 [Exception: In existing buildings, natural gas alarms shall not be required to comply with the
4 power source and interconnection requirements for smoke alarms in accordance with Sections
5 907.2.11.2 through 907.2.11.3.]

6 **§ 28-315.2.4.1 Market availability.** No later than July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall submit
7 to the mayor and the speaker of the council a determination of the market availability of
8 battery-powered natural gas alarms. Such determination shall indicate whether the department
9 has identified 4 or more distinct manufacturers of battery-powered natural gas alarms that
10 comply with the requirements of section 908.13. If such determination indicates less than 4
11 such manufacturers, the commissioner shall by rule extend the date by which such alarms must
12 be installed in accordance with section 28-315.2.4 to January 1, 2029.
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14 § 3. Sections 908.10, 908.10.1, and 908.10.2 of the New York city building code, as added
15 by local law number 157 for the year 2016, are REPEALED.

16 § 4. Section BC 908 of the New York city building code is amended by adding a new
17 section 908.13 to be read as follows:

18 **908.13 Natural gas alarms.** Natural gas alarms listed in accordance with a standard established
19 or adopted by department rule shall be provided and installed in accordance with department rules.

20 § 5. This local law takes effect immediately.