 Introduced by Council Members Constantinides, Kallos, Chin, Rosenthal, Louis, Rivera and Barron.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to greenhouse gas emissions reduction methods and outreach and education

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 28-320.3.7 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 97 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28-320.3.7 Reports required to be filed by owner. By May 1, 2025, and by May 1 of every year thereafter, the owner of a covered building shall file with the department a report, certified by a registered design professional, prepared in a form and manner and containing such information as specified in rules of the department, that for the previous calendar year such building is either:

1. In compliance with the applicable building emissions limit established pursuant to section 28-320.3; or

2. Not in compliance with such applicable building emissions limit, along with the amount by which such building exceeds such limit.

For a report filed on or after May 1, 2026, where a report required to be submitted by May 1 in the prior year indicated that the covered building was not in compliance with the applicable building emissions limit established pursuant to section 28-320.3 in the calendar year covered by such report, but such building is in compliance for the calendar year covered by the report required to be submitted by May 1 in the current year, such report shall describe the methods used to achieve compliance.

§ 2. Article 320 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-320.3.7.2 to read as follows:
§ 28-320.3.7.2 Reporting on compliance by the department. By January 1, 2026, and January 1 of every year thereafter, the office of building energy and emissions performance shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report relating to compliance with this section. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Beginning with the report due January 1, 2027, the methods used by covered buildings to comply with the building emissions limits established pursuant to section 28-320.3 where such buildings were not in compliance for the report submitted in the previous year, including, as applicable, any retrofitting improvements and purchasing of clean energy, disaggregated by method and by number of buildings; and

2. The total number of buildings in each occupancy group, and the number of buildings in compliance with emissions limits, disaggregated by occupancy group.

§ 3. Article 320 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-320.5.1 to read as follows:

§ 28-320.5.1. Reporting on outreach and education. By June 1, 2021, and by June 1 in every year thereafter, the office of building energy and emissions performance shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council, detailing the outreach and education efforts made pursuant to section 28-320.5, including, but not limited to information provided about incentive programs and other sources of funding. Such report shall also include the number of staff members working at the office of building energy and emissions performance.

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately.