

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

[Proposed. Int. No. 51-B](#)

INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Members Chin, Johnson and Koo

TITLE:

A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to issue an annual report regarding hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

BILL SUMMARY:

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The proposed legislation would require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to issue an annual report regarding Hepatitis B (HBV) and Hepatitis C (HCV). HBV and HCV can cause chronic, persistent infection, which can lead to chronic liver disease. The information required to be reported by the proposed legislation would include:

- The number of new cases and the prevalence of HBV and HCV infections, and the top five causes of HBV & HCV in new cases;
- Demographic information (e.g., age, gender, neighborhood, borough, national origin, race and ethnicity) of persons infected with HBV and HCV;
- The number of deaths where HBV or HCV was a factor, the number of new liver cancer diagnoses, and the number of liver cancers diagnoses that overlap with HBV or HCV;
- The number of people in a DOHMH-operated or contracted program or a Council-funded program who are receiving care at various stages;
- Information relating to the number of HBV vaccine doses given and completed; and
- Information relating to DOHMH's HBV and HCV-related funding, outreach efforts, and program outcomes, as well as best practices in addressing HBV & HCV prevention, treatment, care, outreach and education.

Some of the above information would not be required to be reported every year. Additionally, some of the demographic and other information would only be culled only from persons who are involved in certain DOHMH-operated or contracted programs or a Council-funded program. Annual reports would be submitted to the Council and available on DOHMH's website.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

Amends Administrative Code Title 17 by adding a new § 17-198.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately upon its enactment into law.

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