

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2013

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB13-0563
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Health, Safety, Education & Services

A BILL

for an ordinance amending Section 24-157 “Qualified Needle Exchange and Treatment Referral Programs” of Article V of Chapter 24 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver to modify program requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Section 24-157(c), “DIVISION 4. - QUALIFIED NEEDLE EXCHANGE AND TREATMENT REFERRAL PROGRAMS”, of the Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding language underlined as follows:

Sec. 24-157. - Registration of qualified needle exchange and treatment referral programs.

The manager may register up to three (3) needle exchanges and treatment referral programs that the manager determines meet the requirements of state and local laws and the rules and regulations adopted by the board of environmental health to govern needle exchange and treatment referral programs. In order to qualify for registration, the needle exchange and treatment referral programs shall:

(a) Be established in conformity with state law; operated by a nonprofit or governmental organization which targets the injection drug using population; provides for exchange of sterile syringes for used syringes; encourages injection drug users to seek treatment for substance abuse; and provides referrals for substance abuse treatment and other preventative health care services to participants in the program;

(b) Issue an identification card certifying that the person identified is either an employee or volunteer worker for the registered program;

(c) Operate at least one thousand (1,000) feet from an elementary and/or secondary school meeting all the requirements of the compulsory education laws of the state or a licensed day care center, except for mobile outreach workers; and

(d) Operate in compliance with the board of environmental health’s rules and regulations.

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: September 17, 2013
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: September 24, 2013
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____, 2013
4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____, 2013
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____, 2013; _____, 2013
10 PREPARED BY: Debra R. Knapp - ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY – September 26, 2013

11 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
12 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
14 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 Douglas J. Friednash, City Attorney for the City and County of Denver

16 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney

17 DATE: _____