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The Legal Aid Society Releases Opposition Memo and “Myths & Facts” on Intro 303B

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** today released a detailed opposition memo and accompanying “Myths & Facts” document outlining serious concerns with Intro 303B, the amended version of legislation currently before the New York City Council that would restrict 24-hour home care shifts without providing replacement care for high-needs disabled New Yorkers and seniors.

While supporters of the bill claim consumers currently receiving 24-hour care would automatically be transitioned to split-shift services, Legal Aid warns this is false. Under Medicaid law, providers cannot deliver care that has not been formally authorized, meaning many consumers could lose medically necessary assistance altogether.

Advocates also dispute claims that family caregivers in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) are exempt from the bill’s penalties. In reality, Intro 303B would subject many CDPAP consumers to fines if their caregivers work beyond the bill’s hour limits — potentially forcing families into impossible choices between losing care, working unpaid hours, or facing financial penalties.

“While we support ending abusive 24-hour work conditions, this bill fails to address the underlying state Medicaid authorization and funding structure that created the problem in the first place,” said **Belkys Garcia, Staff Attorney in the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Instead, Intro 303B risks stripping disabled New Yorkers of medically necessary care while exposing CDPAP consumers to devastating fines.”

Legal Aid’s materials further explain that Intro 303B does not eliminate the state’s “live-in” authorization category, does not provide funding for replacement care, and could accelerate unnecessary institutionalization for disabled New Yorkers and older adults.

Read the full opposition memo here:

[The Legal Aid Society Memo in Opposition to Intro 303B](#)

Read the “Myths & Facts” document here:

[Myths & Facts: Intro 303B](#)

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