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STREET VENDOR BILL

A City Council bill that would have more than doubled the number of street vendors appears to be stalled in committee. Introduced by Councilman Phil Reed, D-Manhattan, the bill would increase the number of vendors to 2,000 from 853 by the year 2007; it also would allow sellers to operate without working papers, which would open positions to undocumented immigrants. The measure is opposed by the Neighborhood Retail Alliance, which represents small businesses, and other groups.