

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to repeal criminal penalties for motorists operating unregistered vehicles, and to institute a graduated schedule of civil penalties for motorists operating unregistered vehicles absent fraudulent or false pretenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Criminal Penalty for Unregistered Motorist Repeal Temporary Amendment Act of 2011”.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 682; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.04), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 50-1501.04

(a) Subsection (b)(1) is amended as follows:

(1) Strike the phrase “Any person violating” and insert the phrase “Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person violating” in its place.

(2) Strike the phrase “Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia” and insert the phrase “Attorney General for the District of Columbia” in its place.

(b) A new subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

“(c) Any person in violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section shall not be subject to arrest or criminal penalties, but shall be subject to civil penalties as follows:

“(1) Any violation that occurs up to 30 days from when the vehicle is unregistered shall result in a \$100 fine;

“(2) Any violation that occurs after 30 days from when the vehicle is unregistered may result in impoundment of the vehicle and a \$200 fine.

“(3) The provisions of this subsection shall be adjudicated pursuant to the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978, effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2301.01 *et seq.*)”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,

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approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia