

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require, on a temporary basis, that the Mayor conduct a study relative to escalating motor vehicle fuel costs and heating fuel costs in the District of Columbia and to make recommendations to the Council concerning methods that may be utilized to stabilize such increased costs, and to require the Executive Office of the Mayor to investigate possible price gouging by local motor vehicle fuel retailers and wholesalers, and to report such findings to the Council by December 15, 2005.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Gasoline Fuel Tax Examination Temporary Act of 2005”.

Sec. 2. Fuel cost reduction plan.

(a) The Mayor shall submit a comprehensive plan to the Council setting forth the most appropriate method or methods that may be executed to address increasing costs associated with motor vehicle fuel and natural gas. The report shall, at a minimum examine the following methods: moving price ceilings; elimination of the gas tax in whole or in part; establishing gasoline sales-tax holidays; gas vouchers; and examining the city’s buying power to purchase home heating fuel.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) Historical fuel (motor vehicle, natural gas, heating oil) cost trends in the District of Columbia from calendar year 2003 through December 2005;

(2) An assessment concerning the multiple variables that have influenced the cost shifts through the designated period; and

(3) An assessment concerning possible price gouging, by local motor vehicle fuel retailers, and wholesalers.

(c) The report shall be due on December 15, 2005.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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 Section 1-206.02 (c)(1)), and publication in the

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

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia