

AN ACT

Bill 20-961

**Emergency
Declaration
Res. 20-627
20 DCStat 4529**

**Codification
District of
Columbia
Official Code
2001 Edition**

**Grocery Store
Restrictive
Covenant
Prohibition
Emergency
Act of 2014**

To establish, on an emergency basis, that it shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a grocery store to impose a restrictive land covenant or use restriction on the sale, or other transfer, or lease of real property used as a grocery store that prohibits the subsequent use of the property as a grocery store.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Grocery Store Restrictive Covenant Prohibition Emergency Act of 2014”.

**Note,
§ 2-1212.21**

Sec. 2. (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a grocery store to impose a restrictive land covenant or use restriction in a contract for the sale, or other transfer, or lease of real property being used as a grocery store that prohibits the subsequent use of the real property as a grocery store.

(b) Any contract, including a private agreement, that includes a restrictive land covenant or use restriction on real property as described in subsection (a) of this section shall be void and unenforceable.

(c) For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Grocery store” means a retail establishment with a primary business of selling grocery products and includes a selling area that is used for a general line of food and nonfood grocery products.

(2) “Private agreement” means a mutually agreed upon and entered into exchange of promises.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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 of the District of Columbia to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).