

AN ACT

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To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, to allow owners of real property in the District who live in the District on a part-time basis to house their vehicles in the District and use a driver's license or identification card issued by their home jurisdiction to purchase a registration reciprocity sticker, to allow a business or governmental entity located outside of the District to purchase a reciprocity sticker for an employee who lives in the District, is domiciled in the District, is licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the District, and uses a vehicle that was provided by the employee's employer for the employee's use, and to allow an out-of-state vehicle owner that is a partnership, corporation, association, or governmental entity to obtain a registration certificate and identification tags; and to amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 and Chapter 4 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to make conforming changes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Department of Motor Vehicles Reciprocity Amendment Act of 2012".

Department of
Motor
Vehicles
Reciprocity
Amendment
Act of 2012

Sec. 2. Section 8 of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1123; D.C. Official Code § 50-1401.02), is amended by adding new subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:

Amend
§ 50-1401.02

"(e-1)(1) An owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall be exempt from compliance with section 7, section 2 of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.02), and sections 414.1, 422.1, and 422.7 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (18 DCMR § 414.1, 422.1, 422.7); provided, that the owner or operator:

"(A) Is a legal resident of a state, territory, possession of the United States, foreign country, or political subdivision other than the District of Columbia;

"(B) Owns residential property in the District of Columbia;

"(C) Lives at the residential property described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph on a part-time basis;

"(D) Has a motor vehicle registered and licensed in a state, territory, possession of the United States, foreign country, or political subdivision other than the District of Columbia; and

"(E) Has complied with the motor vehicle registration and licensing laws of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or of a foreign country or political subdivision thereof, of which the owner or operator is a legal resident.

“(2) An individual who meets the qualifications set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be required to submit proof, as required by the Mayor, that the individual owns residential property in the District and is a part-time resident.

“(3) An individual who meets the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection may obtain and display a valid reciprocity sticker. The Mayor shall issue, upon application and for a \$338 fee, a reciprocity sticker to the motor vehicle owner or operator who complies with this subsection, which shall be valid for one year. A motor vehicle owner or operator while in compliance with this subsection shall be able to obtain successive reciprocity stickers, each valid for one year, and each for a fee of \$338.

“(e-2)(1) A motor vehicle owner that is a partnership, corporation, association, trust, limited liability company, or government entity and has legally complied with the motor vehicle registration and licensing laws of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, shall be exempt from compliance with section 2 of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.02), and sections 414.1, 422.1, 422.7, and 422.10 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (18 DCMR § 414.1, 422.1, 422.7, 422.10); provided, that:

“(A) The vehicle is housed in the District of Columbia;

“(B) The vehicle is provided to an employee of the owner or lessee for the employee’s use;

“(C) The employee is domiciled in the District of Columbia;

“(D) The employee is licensed by the District of Columbia to operate a motor vehicle; and

“(E) The business or government entity purchases a reciprocity sticker for the vehicle provided to its employee.

“(2) The Mayor shall issue, upon application and for a \$338 fee, a reciprocity sticker to the motor vehicle owner or operator who complies with this subsection, which shall be valid for one year. While in compliance with this subsection, the motor vehicle owner or operator shall be able to obtain successive reciprocity stickers, each valid for one year, and each for a fee of \$338. There shall be no fee for vehicles owned by the District or the United States government.”.

Sec. 3. Section 2(c)(5)(A)(i) of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.02(c)(5)(A)(i)), is amended as follows:

Amend
§ 50-1501.02

(1) Sub-sub-subparagraph (I) is amended to read as follows:

“(I) The owner is a leasing company and the lessee is not domiciled in the District of Columbia;”.

(2) Sub-sub-subparagraph (III) is amended by striking the word “owner” and inserting the word “lessee” in its place.

Sec. 4. Section 401.1(f) of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (18 DCMR § 401.01(f)) is amended to read as follows:

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“(f) Proof of District of Columbia residency for at least one owner; provided, that a vehicle owned by an out-of-state lessor and leased to a District of Columbia resident or an employer of a District of Columbia resident, as set forth in section 2 of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.02(c)(5)(A)(i)), may apply and an out-of-state insurance company may apply in connection with an insurance claim if the vehicle is located in the District.”.

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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. 6. 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 § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.