

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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(Related Emergency Legislation is Act 20-229, 20 DCSTAT 2630)

AN ACT

**Bill 20-557
Act 20-237
effective
December 20,
2013**

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**Critical
Infrastructure
Freedom of
Information
Temporary
Amendment
Act of 2013**

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act to exempt from disclosure certain critical infrastructure information.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2013”.

Sec. 2. Title II of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D. C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 204(a) (D.C. Official Code § 2-534 (a)) is amended as follows:

**Note,
§ 2-534**

(1) Paragraph (13) is amended by striking the word “and”.

(2) Paragraph (14) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (15) is added to read as follows:

“(15) Any critical infrastructure information or plans that contain critical infrastructure information for the critical infrastructures of companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.”.

(b) The text of section 209 (D.C. Official Code § 2-539) is amended to read as follows:

**Note,
§ 2-539**

“For the purposes of this title:

“(1) The terms “Mayor,” “Council,” “District,” “agency,” “rule,” “rulemaking,” “person,” “party,” “order,” “relief,” “proceeding,” “public record,” and “adjudication” shall have the same meanings as provided in section 102.

“(2) The term “critical infrastructure” means existing and proposed infrastructure systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the District of Columbia or the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such infrastructure system or asset could jeopardize the physical security, economic security, health, safety, or welfare of the public.

“(3) The term “critical infrastructure information” means information not customarily in the public domain that is related to the security of critical infrastructure of companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, including:

“(A) Actual, potential, or threatened interference with, attack on,

compromise of, or incapacitation of critical infrastructure or protected systems by either physical or computer-based attack or similar conduct (including the misuse of or unauthorized access to all types of communications and data transmission systems) that violates federal or District of Columbia laws, harms interstate commerce of the United States or the economy of the District of Columbia, or threatens public health or safety;

“(B) The ability of any critical infrastructure or protected system to resist such interference, compromise, or incapacitation, including any planned or past assessment, projection, or estimate of the vulnerability of critical infrastructure or a protected system, including security testing, risk evaluation, risk-management planning, or risk audit; or

“(C) Any planned or past operational problem or solution regarding critical infrastructure or protected systems, including repair, recovery, reconstruction, insurance, or continuity, to the extent it is related to such interference, compromise, or incapacitation.”.

Sec. 3. Paragraph 32 of section 8 of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 24, 1913 (37 Stat. 982; D.C. Official Code § 34-902), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 34-902

(a) The existing text is designated as subsection (a).

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

“(b) The Commission shall publish rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of section 204(a)(15) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(15)).”.

Sec. 4. 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. 5. 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.