

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To designate the Potomac Bluestone as the official rock of the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “DC Rocks, So We Need One Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) Potomac Bluestone is a metamorphic rock that has a long and distinguished history in the District of Columbia.

(b) Before the founding of our nation, Potomac Bluestone was quarried by Native Americans and used by early colonists. Later, District residents, including Italian immigrants and African Americans, followed in the footsteps of the first Americans and also quarried this ancient and important rock.

(c) Potomac Bluestone has been used extensively in construction in the District of Columbia.

(d) Potomac Bluestone was used as the foundation for the White House, the Capitol, and the Washington Monument.

(e) Many houses in the northwest section of the District are also made of Potomac Bluestone, including the Old Stone House in Georgetown, which was built in 1765.

(f) Other notable area structures with Potomac Bluestone are Georgetown’s Healey Building, St. Elizabeths Hospital, the Chain Bridge abutments, and the sea wall at Hains Point. The rock is also at the National Zoo, in the Panda House, the Elephant House, and the Mane Restaurant.

Sec. 3. The Potomac Bluestone is hereby designated the official rock of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. 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)).

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Sec. 5. 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.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia