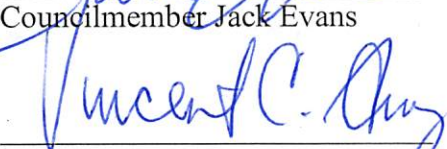
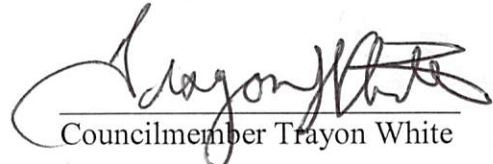


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To amend An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to create the criminal offenses of assault on a transit employee and aggravated assault on a transit employee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Transit Worker Protection Amendment Act of 2017.”

Sec 2. An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1189; codified in scattered cites of the D.C. Official Code), is amended by adding a new section 806b to read as follows:

Sec. 806b. Assault on a transit employee.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(1) “Transit Employee” means an operator of a public passenger vehicle, or any employee or agent of WMATA or the DC Circulator acting in the course and scope of his or her employment.

(2) “WMATA” means the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of assault on a transit employee if that person assaults, impedes, intimidates, or interferes with a transit employee:

1 (A) While that employee is engaged in, or on account of the performance
2 of his or her official duties;

3 (B) Knowing, or having reason to know, that such employee is a transit
4 employee acting in the course and scope of his or her employment; or

5 (C) Because of such employee's status as a transit employee.

6 (2) A person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
7 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,500, and be imprisoned for not less than 90
8 days and up to one year.

9 (c)(1) A person commits the offense of aggravated assault on a transit employee if that person:

10 (A)(i) By any means, knowingly or purposely causes serious bodily injury
11 to that employee; or

12 (ii) Under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to
13 human life, intentionally or knowingly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of serious
14 bodily injury to that employee, and thereby causes serious bodily injury to that employee; and
15 does so

16 (B)(i) While that employee is engaged in, or, on account of the
17 performance of, his or her official duties;

18 (ii) Knowing, or having reason to know, that such person is a
19 transit employee acting in the course and scope of his or her employment; or

20 (iii) Because of such person's status as a transit employee.

21 (2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon
22 conviction, shall be fined not more than \$15,000, or be imprisoned for at least one year and up to
23 10 years, or both.

1 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

2 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
3 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
4 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

5 Sec. 4. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
7 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 60-day period of Congressional review as
8 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
9 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of
10 Columbia Register.

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