
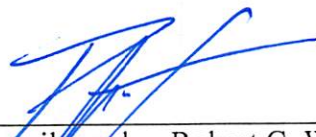


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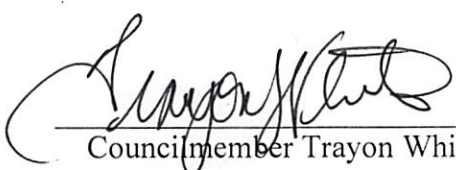
  
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31 IN THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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35 To establish a baby-proofing home modification grant program to aid qualified residents with the  
36 cost of improving the safety and well-being of infants and toddlers at home; and to  
37 amend section 47-1803.02 of the District of Columbia Official Code to make a  
38 conforming amendment.  
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40 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
41 act may be cited as the "Babies Safe at Home Act of 2019".

42           Sec. 2. Baby-proofing home modification grant program.

43           (a) For the purpose of this act, the term:

44                   (1) “Baby-proofing home modification” means the modification of a principal  
45 place of residence of minors under the age of 3 to reduce their risk of injury while at home.

46                   (2) “Dwelling unit” means any room or group of rooms forming a single unit that  
47 is used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, and the preparation or eating of meals that is  
48 located within a building that is wholly or partially used or intended to be used for living and  
49 sleeping by a human occupant.

50                   (3) “Principal place of residence” means a dwelling unit in the District of  
51 Columbia in which an individual lives more than 50% of the calendar year.

52           (b) There is established a baby-proofing home modification grant program, the Babies  
53 Safe at Home Program, to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community  
54 Development (“DHCD”) for the purpose of assisting eligible residents to reduce the risk of infant  
55 and toddler injuries by providing baby-proofing modifications to their principal places of  
56 residence. DHCD may issue grants up to \$1,000 per residence and the grants shall be exempt  
57 from District income taxation.

58           (c) Baby-proofing modifications may include:

59                   (1) Anti-scald devices;

60                   (2) Appliance tip-overs;

61                   (3) Baby monitors;

62                   (4) Cabinet locks;

63                   (5) Carbon monoxide alarm;

64                   (6) Corner and edge bumpers;

65                   (7) Door knob covers;

66 (8) Door locks;  
67 (9) Door stops and holders;  
68 (10) Electrical outlet covers;  
69 (11) Furniture anchors;  
70 (12) Pool Alarm;  
71 (13) Pool covers and gates;  
72 (14) Pool rescue equipment;  
73 (15) Safety gates;  
74 (16) Safety latches and locks;  
75 (17) Stove knob covers;  
76 (18) Toilet latches;  
77 (19) Window guards and stops; and  
78 (20) Other baby-proofing modifications to improve the safety and well-being of  
79 infants and toddlers at home.

80 (d) To be eligible for the Babies Safe at Home Program, an applicant shall:

81 (1) Be a resident of the District of Columbia;  
82 (2) Provide proof of the applicant's principal place of residence and proof that the  
83 applicant owns the principal place of residence, or that the owner of the principal place of  
84 residence has given the applicant permission to make baby-proofing home modifications that  
85 would alter the condition of the Property beyond ordinary wear and tear;

86 (3) Meet household income-eligibility limitations, as prescribed in rules issued by  
87 the Mayor.

88 (e) The Mayor shall:

(1) Develop an easy-to-read grant application form specific to the Babies Safe at Home Program that shall require the minimum information and documentation necessary to determine eligibility for the program;

(2) Provide written notification to an applicant of approval or denial of a grant application within 30 days after receipt of a completed application, and if denied, include the reason for denial and the process for reconsideration;

(3) Ensure that only fully licensed, certified contractors perform work authorized by the Babies Safe at Home Program; and

(4) Within 180 days of the effective date of this act, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), issue rules to implement the provisions of this act, which shall include:

(A) Household income-eligibility limitations;

(B) Guidelines for installation projects; and

(C) Standards to ensure that the baby-proofing modifications authorized by the grant reduce the risk of infant and toddler injuries.

Sec. 3. Section 47-1803.02(a)(2) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by adding a new subparagraph (FF) to read as follows:

“(FF) The amount received by a taxpayer pursuant to section 2(b) of the Babies Safe at Home Amendment Act of 2019, as introduced on January 8, 2018 (Bill 23-\_\_\_\_).”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council of the District of Columbia adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative

112 Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
113 301.47a).

114 Sec. 5. Effective date.

115 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
116 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as  
117 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
118 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of  
119 Columbia Register.