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Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Act of 2003 to clarify the definitions of abandoned and dangerous vehicles, and to remove the possibility of imprisonment for leaving an abandoned or dangerous vehicle on public space.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Act of 2003, effective October 28, 2003 (D.C. Law 15-35; D.C. Official Code § 50-2421.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 50-2421.02) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “at least 2 of the following apply” and inserting the phrase “at least one of the following applies” in its place.

(B) Subparagraph (D) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) The vehicle tags or registration have been lapsed for over a year.”.

(2) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) “Dangerous vehicle” means a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that, due to at least one of the following, poses an imminent hazard to the public health, safety, or welfare:

32                   “(A) The vehicle is extensively damaged, including damaged by fire or  
33 where exposed broken glass or metal shards are present; or

34                   “(B) The vehicle is obstructing the flow of traffic or usage of a sidewalk.”

35                   (3) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the phrase “any 2” and inserting the  
36 word “any” in its place.

37                   (b) Section (9)(c) (D.C. Official Code § 50-2421.09(c)) is amended as follows:

38                   (1) Strike the phrase “Office of the Corporation Counsel” and insert the phrase  
39 “Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia” in its place.

40                   (2) Strike the phrase “punished by a fine of not more than the amount set forth in  
41 § 22-3571.01, imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both.” and insert the phrase “punished  
42 by a fine of not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01.” in its place.

43                   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

47                   Sec. 4. Effective date.

48                   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
49 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
50 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
51 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
52 Columbia Register.