

Trayon White

Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require the Mayor to permanently revoke the license of business license holders and property owners that repeatedly violate District of Columbia Housing Codes under the authority of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs after the standard period for compliance has expired.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Non-Compliant Landlord Permanent License Revocation Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2.

(a) The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) shall ensure public health, safety, and welfare by enforcing property maintenance codes on all residential structures in the District of Columbia, excluding federal government buildings;

(b) DCRA shall enforce the minimum requirement for premises, structures, equipment, and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance according to the District of Columbia Housing Codes;

(c) District of Columbia Housing Codes require landlords to provide dwellings that are in

31 a safe, habitable and livable condition. The landlord must make all repairs necessary to render
32 dwellings habitable, and maintain dwellings in compliance with established Housing Code
33 standardsThe Office of the Ombudsman and Incarcerated Individual Affairs shall investigate
34 complaints related to incarcerated individuals' health, safety, welfare, and rights;

35 (d) The Mayor shall permanently revoke the license of any business license holder and
36 property owner repeatedly in violation of District of Columbia Housing Codes under the
37 authority of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs after the standard period for
38 compliance has expired;

39 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

43 Sec. 4. Effective date.

44 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
45 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
46 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
47 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the district of
48 Columbia Register.