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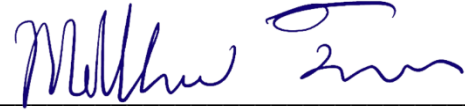
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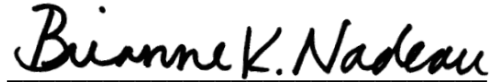
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19 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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23 To establish a Wheel-Lock Help Incentive Program ("WHIP"), to be administered by the Mayor,  
24 to encourage the purchase and installation of steering wheel locks or lug nut locks on a  
25 vehicle owned or leased by an individual, and to require registration of the locks with the  
26 Metropolitan Police Department.

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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
29 act may be cited as the "Wheel-Lock Help Incentive Program Act of 2023".

30 Sec. 2. Definitions.

31 Subsection (a). For the purposes of this act, the term:

32 (1) "Lug nut lock" means a theft protector lug nut which has a cut out that  
33 requires a key to be removed from a vehicle.

34 (2) "Lug nut lock set" means a set of theft protector lug nuts which has a cut out  
35 that requires a key to be removed from a vehicle.

36 (3) "Steering wheel lock" means a theft protector that is mounted on the steering  
37 wheel area, to prevent to prevent theft or unauthorized use of a vehicle.

38 (4) "Wheel lock" means a theft protector that is mounted or built physically on the  
39 steering wheel area of a vehicle.

40 Sec. 3. Establishment; purpose and duties.

41 (a) The Mayor shall establish a Wheel-Lock Help Incentive Program ("Program"), to be  
42 administered by the Mayor, and to require registration of the locks with the Metropolitan Police  
43 Department.

44 (b) This Program is both a voucher and rebate program. The purpose of the Program is to  
45 encourage the purchase and installation of steering wheel locks or lug nut locks on a vehicle  
46 owned or leased by an individual, to prevent car theft and property theft. District of Columbia  
47 residents are eligible for a rebate of the cost to procure any combination of a lug nut lock, lug nut  
48 lock set, steering wheel lock, and a wheel lock, totaling \$100 per address.

49 (c) To be eligible for the rebate provided for in this section, a vehicle owner or lessee  
50 shall:

51 (1) After April 1, 2023, purchase and install the locks on their vehicle;

52 (2) Register the system with the Metropolitan Police Department;

53 (3) Submit a rebate claim in accordance with Program rules promulgated pursuant  
54 to subsection (f) of this section; and

55 (4) Meet all additional requirements and criteria provided for in Program rules  
56 promulgated pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

57 (d) Upon approval of a rebate claim submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,  
58 the Program shall provide a rebate as follows; provided, that the amount of the rebate shall not be  
59 more than the purchase price of the lock:

60 (1) Up to \$100 per steering wheel lock or lug nut lock set installed on the vehicle  
61 owned or leased by an individual, with a maximum rebate of up to \$100 per address.

62 (2) Rebates shall be contingent upon the availability of funds.

63 (3) No rebates shall be issued until the Mayor promulgates rules pursuant to  
64 subsection (f) of this section.

65 (e) To be eligible for the voucher provided for in this section, a vehicle owner or lessee  
66 shall:

67 (1) Provide proof of receipt of public assistance under the District of Columbia  
68 Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-  
69 202.01 *et seq.*);

70 (2) Submit an application to the Mayor for the installation of the lock[s]; and;

71 (3) Meet all additional requirements and criteria provided for in Program rules  
72 promulgated pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

73 (f) Upon approval of a voucher application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
74 section, the Program shall provide vouchers as follows:

75 (1) Vouchers shall not exceed \$100 for a rebate claim.

76 (2) Vouchers shall be contingent upon the availability of funds.

77 (3) No vouchers shall be issued until the Mayor promulgates rules pursuant to  
78 subsection (g) of this section.

79 (g) The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure  
80 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue  
81 rules to implement the provisions of this act, including:

82 (1) Requirements for proof of purchase and wheel lock verification;

83 (2) Identification of priority areas for Program eligibility; provided, that the  
84 priority areas include at least one area in each ward identified by crime levels and other public  
85 safety indicators in the corresponding police service area; and

86 (3) Requirements and procedures for participating in the voucher option under  
87 subsection (d) of this section.

88 (h) Any rebate or voucher issued under this section shall not be considered income for  
89 purposes of District of Columbia income tax.

90 (i) From the inception of funding, to the issuance of the final rebate or voucher under this  
91 Program, the Mayor shall provide an annual report to the Council by January 15 of each year and  
92 a monthly update on the website of the District government agency that administers the Program  
93 that includes the following information:

94 (1) The total number of rebates and vouchers issued;

95 (2) The total number of steering wheel locks or lug nut lock sets paid for by the  
96 Program;

97 (3) The number of rebates and vouchers issued in each police service area;

98 (4) The number of rebates issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1)(A) of this section;

99 (5) The number of rebates and vouchers issued in each priority area identified  
100 pursuant to subsection (d)(2) of this section; and

101 (6) An analysis of the Program's implementation and plans for future expansion,  
102 if any.

103 Sec. 4. Applicability.

104 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved  
105 budget and financial plan.

106 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in  
107 an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council  
108 of the certification.

109 (c) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in the  
110 District of Columbia Register.

111 (d) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the  
112 applicability of this act.

113 Sec. 5. Fiscal Impact Statement.

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

117 Sec. 6. Effective date.

118 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
119 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
120 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
121 21, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
122 Columbia Register.