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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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1 To amend the Automobile Consumer Protection Act of 1984 to remove exemptions for  
2 motorcycles and motor-driven cycles, and to require a motor vehicle dealer to provide  
3 written notice of a vehicle’s classification and registration requirements to consumers  
4 before selling a vehicle; to amend Section 4 of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of  
5 1937 concerning registration of motor vehicles, to add as unlawful acts the rental of any  
6 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle affixed with false identifying information of vehicle  
7 class or that has not been properly registered; and to amend the Rental Vehicle Tax  
8 Reform Act of 1978 to remove the exemption of motorcycles and motor-driven cycles  
9 from rental fleet registration requirements.

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
12 act may be cited as the “Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024”.

13 Sec. 2. The Automobile Consumer Protection Act of 1984, effective March 14, 1985  
14 (D.C. Law 5-162, D.C. Official Code § 50-501 *et seq*) is amended as follows:

15 (a) Section 2(9) (D.C. Official Code § 50-501(9)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(9) “Motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including motorcycles and motor-driven  
17 cycles, manufactured for sale, offered for sale, sold, or registered in the District and which is  
18 designed for the primary purpose of transporting a driver and 1 or more passengers on streets,  
19 roads, or highways. The term “motor vehicle” shall not include buses sold for public  
20 transportation, motor homes, or motorized recreational vehicles.”.

21 (b) Section 6(a) (D.C. Official Code § 50-505) is amended by adding a paragraph (3) to  
22 read as follows:

23 “(3) Written notice to the prospective consumer of the motor vehicle’s  
24 classification pursuant to the District’s laws, rules, and regulations, and all requirements,  
25 including vehicle registration, that are necessary to legally operate the motor vehicle in the  
26 District.”.

27 Sec. 3. Section 4(a) of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August  
28 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.04(a)), is amended by adding a new  
29 paragraph (5) to read as follows:

30 “(5) For any rental operator who is engaged in the business of renting motorcycles  
31 or motor-driven cycles:

32 “(A) To complete a rental transaction of a vehicle that does not fulfill all  
33 registration and vehicle identification requirements; or,

34 “(B) To affix false identifying information to a rental vehicle, including  
35 motor type, piston or rotor displacement or its equivalent, or maximum speed.”.

36 Sec. 4. The Rental Vehicle Tax Reform Act of 1978, effective March 6, 1979 (D.C. Law  
37 2-157; D.C. Official Code § 50-1505.01 *et seq.*),

38 (a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1505.01), is amended as follows:

39 (1) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “motorcycles,”.

40 (2) New subsections (j) and (k) are added to read as follows:

41 “(j) "Motorcycle" shall have the same meaning as provided in 18 DCMR § 9901.1.

42 “(k) "Motor-driven cycle" shall have the same meaning as provided in 18 DCMR §  
43 9901.1.”.

44 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1505.03) is amended by adding a new subsection  
45 (d) to read as follows:

46 “(d) **Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles.** – A rental operator who is engaged in the  
47 business of renting motorcycles or motor-driven cycles shall register all rental vehicles in its  
48 rental fleet.”.

49 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

53 Sec. 6. Effective date.

54 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
55 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
56 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
57 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
58 Columbia Register.