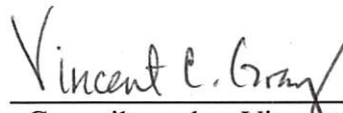


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10 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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15 To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to  
16 establish a standard of care for animals, provide additional authority for the Animal Care  
17 and Control Agency to issue citations, and to increase fines for failing to provide animals  
18 with humane treatment.

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20 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
21 resolution may be cited as the "Standard of Care for Animals Congressional Review Emergency  
22 Declaration Resolution of 2017".

23 Sec. 2. (a) This past February, the Council passed and the Mayor signed the Extreme  
24 Weather Protection for Animals Emergency Amendment Act of 2017, effective February 21,  
25 2017 (D.C. Act 22-8; 64 DCR 2345), to protect dogs left outside during extreme winter  
26 conditions.

27 (b) The law was needed in response to situations like that of Momma, a pitbull that was  
28 left outside during a Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency extreme cold weather  
29 advisory.

1 (c) Similar permanent legislation, the Standard of Care for Animals Amendment Act of  
2 2017, passed on 1st reading on July 11, 2017 (Engrossed version of Bill 22-64), is pending  
3 before the Council.

4 (d) However, the permanent legislation will not become law before the end of summer,  
5 and extreme heat poses as great a danger to animals as extreme cold temperatures.

6 (e) Already, there have been 2 dogs rescued from hot cars and a third dog has died from  
7 heat exposure from being left outside.

8 (f) The emergency bill creates a standard of care for animals, including requirements of  
9 adequate care, feed, space, shelter, and water.

10 (g) The bill outlines what constitutes an adequate shelter for dogs that primarily reside  
11 outdoors.

12 (h) The bill specifically prohibits leaving an animal in a parked vehicle in such a way as to  
13 endanger the animal's health, safety, or welfare.

14 (i) The bill also requires that when the temperature reaches above 90 degrees Fahrenheit,  
15 animals should not be left outdoors, unattended for more than 15 minutes unless the age,  
16 condition, size, and type of animal allows the animal to withstand the extreme weather.

17 (j) The bill provides the Animal Care and Control Agency with the authority to issue  
18 citations ranging from warnings to fines not to exceed \$500 or \$1000 in cases of intentional or  
19 grossly negligent harm to an animal.

20 (k) Bill 22-64, the Standard of Care for Animals Amendment Act of 2017 will be  
21 approved final reading by the Council on October 3, 2017. Bill 22-64 will be pending  
22 Congressional review at the time Bill 22-392, the Standard of Care for Animals Emergency

1 Amendment Act of 2017 expires on October 29, 2017. Therefore, a Congressional review  
2 emergency is required.

3           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
4 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
5 Standard of Care for Animals Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be  
6 adopted after a single reading.

7           Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.