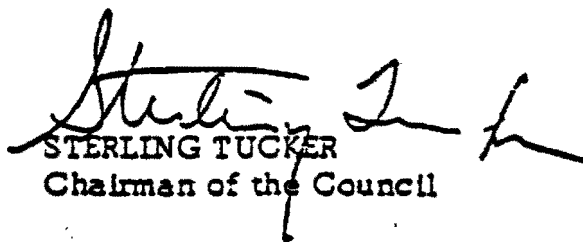


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, PL 93-198, (the Act), the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 1-17, on first and second readings May 13, 1975 and May 27, 1975, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on June 24, 1975, this legislation was assigned Act No. 1-26, published in the July 28, 1975, edition of the D. C. Register, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D. C. Law No. 1-18, effective September 23, 1975.

  
STERLING TUCKER  
Chairman of the Council

September 23, 1975

In the Council of the District of Columbia

To amend certain provisions of Title 44 of the District of Columbia Code in order to regulate public conduct on public passenger vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia, That this act may be cited as the "Act to Regulate Public Conduct on Public Passenger Vehicles".

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for passengers or occupants while aboard a public passenger vehicle with a capacity for seating twelve or more passengers, including vehicles owned and/or operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority while said vehicle is transporting passengers in regular route service within the corporate limits of the District of Columbia to:

- (a) Smoke or carry a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar or cigarette in or upon any bus or rail transit car;
- (b) Consume food or drink in or upon any bus or rail transit car;
- (c) Spit in or upon any bus or rail car;
- (d) Discard litter in or upon any bus or rail transit car;

(e) Play any radio, cassette, recorder or other such instrument, except where same is connected to an earphone that limits the sound to the individual user;

(f) Carry any flammable or combustible liquids, live animals, birds, reptiles, explosives, acids, or any item inherently dangerous or offensive to others upon any bus or rail transit car, except for seeing eye dogs properly harnessed and accompanied by blind passengers, and small animals properly packaged;

(g) Stand in front of the white line marked on the forward end of the floor of any bus, or otherwise conduct himself in such manner as to obstruct the vision of the operator;

(h) Board any bus through the rear exit door, unless so directed by an employee or agent of the carrier.

Sec. 3. A carrier may refuse to transport a person or persons whose immediately observed conduct or behavior would constitute a violation of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. Violation of section 2 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for a first offense; and not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars or ten days in jail or both for each second or subsequent offense.

Sec. 5. The provisions of this act shall go into effect on September 30, 1975.

Sec. 6. If any provision of this act is declared unconstitutional the constitutionality of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.