

AN ACT

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District of  
Columbia  
Code  
2001 Supp.*

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to authorize the Mayor to issue environmental identification tags for motor vehicles, to require a tag reservation and display fee, and that the fees from the sale of souvenir identification tags be deposited into a fund for activities to protect the environment, and to establish the Environmental Protection Activity Fund Panel to manage the fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Environmental License Tag Amendment Act of 2000".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 is amended by adding new sections 102b and 102c to read as follows:

"Sec. 102b. Environmental identification tag.

"(a) The Mayor is authorized to issue environmental identification tags for motor vehicles, provided that proceeds from the issuance of the tags shall be used for the District's environmental protection activities. The environmental identification tags shall be the same size as the regular identification tag, with a design approved by the Mayor.

"(b) In addition to the motor vehicle registration and inspection fees, the owner of a motor vehicle applying for an environmental identification tag shall, at the time of application, pay a one-time reservation fee, as determined by the Mayor, to compensate the District for the costs of producing the plate and a display fee of \$30. Persons renewing the environmental identification tag shall, at the time of registration renewal, pay a display fee of \$30 for a one-year renewal, or \$60 for a 2-year renewal. A souvenir of the environmental identification tag may be issued for a one-time fee to include a reservation fee as determined by the Mayor, and a souvenir fee of \$30; except that the souvenir identification tag shall not be valid as the identification tag for any motor vehicle or be displayed on any motor vehicle.

"(c) The environmental identification tag display fee and the proceeds from souvenir identification tags shall be deposited into the fund established pursuant to section 102c(a), and managed pursuant to section 102c(b).

"Sec. 102c. Environmental Protection Activity Fund.

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"(a) There is hereby established in the District of Columbia Treasury, a revolving fund to be known as the Environmental Protection Activity Fund ("Fund"), into which the annual display fees collected for the environmental identification tag and sale of souvenir identification tags shall be deposited. The revenues deposited into the Fund shall not revert to the General Fund at any time but shall be continually available for environmental protection activities pursuant to section 102b(a), subject to authorization by Congress in an appropriations act. Revenues deposited into the Fund shall be disbursed in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations or government agencies to be used for environmental protection activities in the District pursuant to rules issued by the Mayor.

"(b)(1) There is hereby established, the Environmental Protection Activity Fund Panel ("Panel") to manage, receive, review, and approve and disapprove grant applications, and to determine appropriations and grants from the Fund. The Panel shall be comprised of 3 members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Appointments to the Panel shall be governed by the provisions of section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978.

"(2) One of the members shall be a resident actively involved in the issues of environmental protection in the District at the time of the nomination. Members of the Panel shall serve a 3-year term, except that for the initial appointments, one member shall serve for one year; one member shall serve for 2 years; and one member shall serve for 3 years. Members of the Panel shall serve without compensation, but may be reasonably reimbursed for the costs of attending meetings.

"(c)(1) On January 1 of each year, the Mayor shall publish in the District of Columbia Register and submit to the Council a list of the following:

- "(A) Expenditures from the Fund;
- "(B) Persons from whom grants applications were received;
- "(C) Persons to whom grants were approved and the purposes of these grants;
- "(D) The amount remaining in the Fund;
- "(E) The number of environmental identification tags or souvenir identification tags that were issued;
- "(F) The amount collected; and
- "(G) The specific results of environmental protection activities on which the monies were spent.

"(d) The Mayor shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this section."

**Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3))

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Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia