

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 An Act To prohibit parking of vehicles upon public or private property in the District of Columbia without the consent of the owner of such property to authorize the removal of abandoned or junk vehicles when the vehicles are parked on public property, or a junk vehicle on private property for more than 7 days, or an abandoned vehicle on private property for more than 3 months even with the property owner's consent, to establish a towing fee of \$175 for large impounded vehicles, and to reduce the notice period before an abandoned or junk vehicle may be removed to 24 hours when the vehicle does not display license plates assigned to that vehicle or does not have a Vehicle Identification Number.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Prohibition on Abandoned Vehicles Amendment Act of 2000".

Sec. 2. Section 1 of An Act To prohibit parking of vehicles upon public or private property in the District of Columbia without the consent of the owner of such property is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

"It shall also be a violation of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978 to do the following: to park, store, or leave an abandoned or junk vehicle on public property; to park, store, or leave a junk vehicle on private property for more than 7 days; or to park, store or leave an abandoned vehicle on private property for more than 3 months even when the owner consents to have the junk or abandoned vehicle parked, stored, or left on the property."

(b) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

"(a-1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the towing fee shall be \$175 whenever the size or weight of the impounded vehicle requires the Mayor to engage an outside contractor or use special equipment to tow the vehicle. Except as provided in this section, the Abandoned and Junk Vehicle Division shall, upon the expiration of the 24-hour warning notice, immediately remove to recycle, dismantle, salvage or demolish any junk vehicle not displaying valid license plates assigned to that vehicle and which does not have on the vehicle a valid

Vehicle Identification Number."

(c) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase "at the request of the private property owner or upon receipt of a citizen complaint".

Sec. 3. Section 2 of the District of Columbia Abandoned and Junk Vehicles Removal Amendment Act of 1989 is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (1)(D) is amended to read as follows:

"(D) That has remained on private property for more than 3 months and is inoperable in that one of its major mechanical components, including, but not limited to, engine, transmission, drive train or wheels, is missing or not functional unless such vehicle is kept in an enclosed building completely shielded from the view of individuals on the adjoining properties; or"

(b) Paragraph 2 is amended to read as follows:

"(2) "Junk vehicle" means any vehicle that has remained on private property for more than 7 days and is inoperable in that more than one of its major mechanical components, including, but not limited to, engine, transmission, drive train or wheels, is missing or not functional unless such vehicle is kept in an enclosed building completely shielded from the view of individuals on the adjoining properties; or any vehicle that is wrecked, dismantled, or in irreparable condition."

Sec. 4. 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)).

Sec. 5. 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

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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