

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987 to prohibit the driver of a vehicle from passing any bus receiving or discharging passengers at an intersection to make a right turn.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Pedestrian Protection Bus Safety Amendment Act of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987, effective October 9, 1987 (D. C. Law 7-34; D. C. Official Code § 50-2201.28 *passim*), is amended by adding a new section 2a to read as follows:

“Sec. 2a. Bus right-of-way at intersections.

“(a) A motor vehicle driver shall be prohibited from passing to the left and pulling in front of a bus to make a right turn when the bus is at a bus stop at an intersection to receive or discharge passengers; the vehicle shall stay or merge behind the bus to effect its turn.

“(b) A person violating subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 or twice the fine prescribed for illegal turns, whichever is greater.

“(c) Within 60 days of the effective date of the Pedestrian Protection Bus Safety Amendment Act of 2006, passed on 2nd reading on July 11, 2006 (Enrolled version of Bill 16-188), the Mayor shall ensure that affixed on the rear of each bus operating in the District of Columbia is a sticker or decal advising drivers of the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section.

“(d) Nothing in this section shall relieve the operator of a bus from complying with all applicable traffic regulations or from otherwise exercising due caution in the operation of a bus.

“(e) For the purposes of this section, “Bus” means public transit such as Metrobuses, the Downtown Circulator, the Georgetown Blue Buses, Maryland and Virginia State commuter charters, and Tourmobile vehicles.”.

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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. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 603(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.03(c)(1)) and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia