

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


NOTICE

D.C. LAW 4-206

"Staggered Motor Vehicle Registration Act of 1982".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 4-443 on first and second readings, November 16, 1982, and December 14, 1982, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 28, 1982, this legislation was assigned Act No. 4-290, published in the January 14, 1983, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 30 page 193) and transmitted to Congress on January 7, 1983 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 this enactment as D.C. Law 4-206, effective March 10, 1983.

  
DAVID A. CLARKE  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

January 25,26,27,28,31

February 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,22,23,24,25,28

March 1,2,3,4,7,8,9

D.C. LAW 4-206

EFFECTIVE DATE MAR 10 1983

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 4-290

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEC 28 1982

To allow for the implementation of a staggered motor vehicle registration system, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Staggered Motor Vehicle Registration Act of 1982".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that a staggered motor vehicle registration system would benefit the residents of the District of Columbia with improved motor vehicle registration services and procedures, by providing for the more orderly updating of motor vehicle records by a permanent staff, and by reducing the lengthy waiting time associated with the current annual renewal system.

CODIFICATION  
Note,  
D.C. Code,  
sec. 40-102  
(1981 ed.)

Sec. 3. Section 2 of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved September 8, 1950 (64 Stat. 792; D.C. Code, sec. 40-102) is amended to read as follows:

D.C. Code,  
sec. 40-102  
(1981 ed.)

"(a) Except as provided by section 8 of the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925, effective March 16, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-80; D.C. Code, sec. 40-303), any motor vehicle or trailer operated in the District of Columbia shall be registered with the Department of Transportation by the

owner of that motor vehicle or trailer.

"(b) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e), a registration shall be valid for a period determined by the Mayor and shall expire at midnight of the last day of the designated period. During the thirty-day period immediately preceding the date, as specified by the Mayor, on which a registration expires, it shall be lawful to operate a motor vehicle or trailer registered for the ensuing registration year.

"(c) The Mayor shall issue a registration certificate and identification tag or tags for a motor vehicle or trailer to the owner of the motor vehicle or trailer, if the owner:

"(1) has applied for registration on a form supplied by the Mayor;

"(2) has paid all applicable fines, fees, and taxes for the motor vehicle or trailer; and

"(3) has a valid certificate of title in effect for the motor vehicle or trailer.

"(d)(1) The Mayor shall issue annually, upon payment by a dealer of all applicable fees and taxes, dealer's registration certificates and identification tags bearing a distinguishing dealer's mark or symbol for the interchangeable use on motor vehicles and trailers;

"(2) The Mayor shall issue, without charge, registration certificates and identification tags for all motor vehicles and trailers owned by the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Washington Metropolitan Area

Transit Authority;

"(3) The Mayor shall issue, without charge, registration certificates and identification tags for all motor vehicles and trailers officially used by any accredited representative of a foreign government;

"(4)(A) The Mayor shall issue a duplicate registration certificate or identification tag or tags for any motor vehicle or trailer which is registered, upon proof satisfactory to the Mayor of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the previously issued registration certificate or identification tags;

"(B) The Mayor shall issue a dealer's proof of ownership certificate to any dealer upon application and upon proof of ownership as the Mayor may require; and

"(C) A fee of \$3 shall be paid for each duplicate registration certificate issued, a fee of \$5 shall be paid for each replacement tag or tags issued, and a fee of \$10 shall be paid for each dealer's proof of ownership certificate issued; and

"(5)(A) The Mayor shall issue, for a temporary period not to exceed twenty days, a special use certificate and special use identification tags bearing a distinguishing mark to the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer upon payment of the fee of \$10;

"(B) The Mayor shall issue a special use certificate and special use identification tags bearing a distinguishing mark to the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer, for the exclusive purpose of allowing that person

to comply with the requirements of An Act To provide for the annual inspection of all motor vehicles in the District of Columbia, approved February 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 78; D.C. Code, sec. 40-201 et seq.), upon payment of a fee of \$5; and

"(C) The issuance of a special use certificate and special use identification tags under this subsection shall not constitute a registration of a motor vehicle or trailer for any other purposes than herein provided.

"(e)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any registration shall expire upon the sale or other transfer of the motor vehicle or trailer to another owner;

"(2) Any owner selling or otherwise transferring a motor vehicle or trailer may apply the unexpired portion of the existing registration to another motor vehicle or trailer belonging to that owner, upon payment of a fee of \$5 plus any amount by which the registration fee for the newly registered motor vehicle or trailer, as computed under section 3 of this title, exceeds the original registration fee paid;

"(3) In the case of a joint ownership, the unexpired portion of the existing registration may be applied to another motor vehicle or trailer by any person who was formerly a party to the joint ownership upon the consent of all the former joint owners;

"(4) The name of a spouse may be added as joint owner to the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer,

subject to the applicable provisions of law relating to the titling of motor vehicles and trailers; and

"(5) Upon the death of a joint owner of a motor vehicle or trailer registered under this title, the registration shall be transferred to the surviving joint owners upon the payment of a fee of \$5; and

"(6) When the only assets of a decedent's estate requiring administration consist of no more than two motor vehicles, the Mayor may transfer the title to the person or persons entitled thereto or to their nominee, upon proof satisfactory to the Mayor that all debts and taxes owed by the decedent have been paid or have been provided for. If any person entitled to the transfer of title hereunder shall be a minor, the custodian or the legal guardian of the minor may nominate transferees on behalf of the minor.

"(f) In order to facilitate the identification and the regulation of motor vehicles and trailers operated in the District of Columbia the Mayor shall establish:

"(1) the application forms for registrations and for special use certificates;

"(2) the forms of registration certificates and special use certificates;

"(3) the design of identification tags; and

"(4) a program for keeping records of registration, issuance of special use certificates, and transfers of registrations.

"(g) The Mayor shall issue rules:

"(1) to implement this title;

"(2) to provide for the suspension or revocation of any registration issued to an owner or dealer who has violated any provision of this title or Title 18, Chapters 4 and 5, DCMR, or who has obtained a registration without having fully complied with all provisions of this title and Title 18, Chapters 4 and 5, DCMR; and

"(3)(A) to establish procedures for the immobilization or impoundment of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the registration has been suspended or revoked or which is not properly registered in accordance with this title and Title 18, Chapters 4 and 5, DCMR; and

"(B) to establish procedures for the recovery or removal of any registration certificate or identification tags issued under this title and Title 18, Chapters 4 and 5, DCMR, from a motor vehicle or trailer for which the registration has been suspended or revoked or which is not properly registered in accordance with this title and Title 18, Chapters 4 and 5, DCMR."

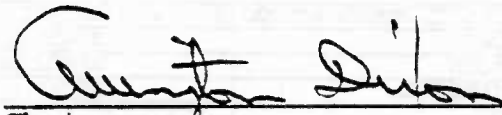
Sec. 4. Section 3(c) of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, effective August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 681; D.C. Code, sec. 40-104(c)) is amended to read as follows:

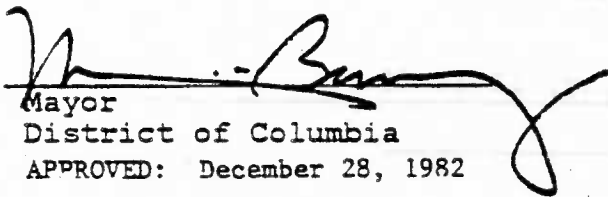
D.C. Code,  
sec. 40-104  
(1981 ed.)

"(c) The Mayor may prorate the fee for registration by an owner or dealer if the registration is issued by the Mayor for a period not to exceed eleven months."

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the

Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
APPROVED: December 28, 1982





COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Council Period Four  
First Session

DOCKET NO: B 4-443

- Item on Consent Calendar  
ACTION: Adopted First Reading, 11-16-82
- VOICE VOTE: Unanimous  
Absent: Shackleton
- ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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WINTER					MASON					SPAULDING				
CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					WILSON				
CRAWFORD					RAY									
JARVIS					ROLARK									

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

*Vivian R. Cunningham* 12/15/82  
Secretary to the Council Date

- Item on Consent Calendar  
ACTION: Adopted Final Reading, 12-14-82
- VOICE VOTE: Unanimous  
Absent: Wilson
- ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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*Vivian R. Cunningham* 12/15/82  
Secretary to the Council Date

- Item on Consent Calendar  
ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_
- VOICE VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_
- ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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