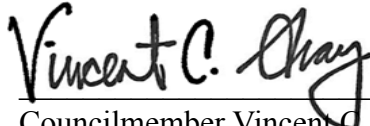




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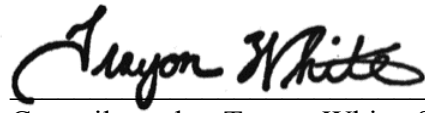
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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend section 47-2851.11 of the District of Columbia Official Code to authorize the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection to deny new basic business licenses and building permits to rental property owners who neglect their properties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Do Right By DC Tenants Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 47-2851.11 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(2) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) The person or business has an ownership or member interest in a rental property that has been cited for more than 5 Class 1 or Class 2 infractions as defined in 16 DCMR § 3305 in any 12-month period.”.

(b) A new subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

“(c) The Center may issue a new basic business license to a person or business who was otherwise ineligible under subsection (a)(5) of this section when:

(1) All Class 1 and Class 2 infractions have been cured; and

(2) At least 12 months have passed since the curing of the last infraction.”.

Sec. 3. Section 8a of the Construction Codes Approval and Amendment Act of 1986, effective March 21, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-216; D.C. Code 6-1407.01), is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(2) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) Twelve months from the date all Class 1 or Class 2 infractions as defined in 16 DCMR 3305 have been cured where the applicant is a person or business with an ownership or member interest in a rental property that has been cited for more than 5 Class 1 or Class 2 infractions in any 12-month period.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. 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), 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. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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