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6 A BILL  
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to prohibit  
14 buses from parking at The Alexander Crummell School (“the Crummell School”), located  
15 at 1894 Gallaudet Avenue Northeast; and to declare the sense of the Council that the  
16 Administration should not proceed with the plan to appeal the injunction prohibiting  
17 construction of a commercial bus depot in Ivy City and should instead consider an  
18 alternate location.

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20 BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

21 That this bill may be cited as the “Ivy City Tour Bus Parking Restriction Amendment Act  
22 of 2013”.

23 Sec. 2. Section 4025 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal  
24 Regulations is amended by adding a new subsection 4025.7 to read as follows:

25 “4025.7(a) There shall be no parking or loading of any sightseeing, charter, tour,  
26 or any other privately operated commercial vehicle with a seating capacity of more than  
27 twelve (12) persons at 1894 Gallaudet Avenue N.E.

28 “(b) Any person violating subsection (a) of this provision shall be subject to a five  
29 hundred dollar (\$500) fine for each offense.”.

30 Sec. 3. Sense of the Council.

31 (a) The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

1                   (1) Union Station is currently undergoing renovation; therefore, the spaces  
2 used for bus arrivals and departures are no longer available for drivers to wait for their  
3 next group of passengers.

4                   (2) In order to accommodate the large number of tour and charter buses  
5 that come in and out of the District, the Administration initiated plans to build a bus  
6 depot in Ivy City.

7                   (3) Ivy City is already the site of various industrial projects and also  
8 houses a variety of District vehicles from parking enforcement vehicles to snow plows.

9                   (4) Placing a bus depot in Ward 5 and in Ivy City specifically is a threat  
10 to the health and well-being of District residents. Being so closely situated to the high  
11 volume of traffic coming into and leaving the District via New York Avenue in  
12 combination with the use of Ivy City for industrial storage has already resulted in mass  
13 amounts of air pollution.

14                   (5) The residents of Ivy City have joined forces with DC for Democracy  
15 and have signed a petition urging the Council to stand against the Administration's plans  
16 to construct a bus depot at that location.

17                   (6) The District is required by law to submit an environmental impact  
18 statement whenever he approves a project that costs more than \$1.5 million dollars and is  
19 likely to have a negative impact on the environment, which was never done in this case.

20                   (7) On December 10, 2012, D.C. Superior Court Judge Macaluso issued an  
21 injunction prohibiting the District from moving forward with the plans for the bus depot  
22 until a more in-depth environmental review is completed.

1 (8) Furthermore, the injunction requires the Administration to consult with  
2 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D, that represents Ivy City, and to give deference  
3 to their opinion on the matter.

4 (9) The residents of Ivy City were previously promised that the District  
5 would renovate the Crummell School to provide them with a community center where  
6 both educational and vocational training opportunities would be provided. Using this  
7 historical building in this manner would better serve the Ivy City community and all  
8 District residents.

9 (10) The bus depot should be placed in a comparable lot elsewhere in the  
10 District.

11 (11) The parking lot located at 1880 V Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. is  
12 a suitable alternative.

13 (12) The parking lot can hold over 200 coach buses and 550 cars.

14 (13) The future of the Crummell School should be decided with the  
15 cooperation and approval of District residents and elected officials.

16 (b) Therefore, it is the sense of the Council that the Crummell School should be  
17 used as a community center that provides educational and vocational training to District  
18 residents because the residents of Ivy City are already overburdened by the  
19 industrialization of the area

20 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

21 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the  
22 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home

1 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
2 206.02(c)(3)).

3 Sec. 5. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto  
5 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of  
6 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home  
7 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat, 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
8 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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