



Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require the Mayor to permanently revoke the license of business license holders and property owners that repeatedly violate District of Columbia Housing Codes under the authority of the Department of Buildings after the standard period for compliance has expired.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Non-Compliant Landlord Permanent License Revocation Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2.

(a) The Department of Buildings (DOB) shall ensure public health, safety, and welfare by enforcing property maintenance codes on all residential structures in the District of Columbia, excluding federal government buildings;

(b) DOB shall enforce the minimum requirement for premises, structures, equipment, and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance according to the District of Columbia Housing Codes;

(c) District of Columbia Housing Codes require landlords to provide dwellings that are in a safe, habitable and livable condition. The landlord must make all repairs necessary to render dwellings habitable, and maintain dwellings in compliance with established Housing Code standards;

(d) The Mayor shall permanently revoke the license of any business license holder and

33 property owner repeatedly in violation of District of Columbia Housing Codes under the
34 authority of DOB after the standard period for compliance has expired;

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
41 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
42 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
43 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the district of
44 Columbia Register.