

A BILL

25-168

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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To amend the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs Act of 2006 to establish a special fund to support programs that promote the welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community; and to amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to require the Mayor to design and issue one or more LGBTQ Pride motor vehicle identification tags to promote the welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Pride Plates Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs Act of 2006, effective April 4, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-89; D.C. Official Code § 2-1381 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 4b to read as follows:

“Sec. 4b. Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs Fund.

“(a) There is established as a special fund the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs Fund (“Fund”), which shall be administered by the Office in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

“(b) All fees collected pursuant to section 2n(b)(1) of Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as approved by the Committee on Transportation and the Environment on DATE, 2023 (Committee print of Bill 25-168), shall be deposited into the Fund.

29 “(c) Money in the Fund shall be used by the Office to support programs that promote the
30 welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community.

31 “(d)(1) The money deposited into the Fund but not expended in a fiscal year shall not
32 revert to the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end
33 of a fiscal year, or at any other time.

34 “(2) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds
35 appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation.

36 “(e) The Mayor shall report annually to the Council on the revenues and activities of the
37 Fund.”.

38 Sec. 3. Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17,
39 1937 (50 Stat. 679; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new
40 section 2n to read as follows:

41 “Sec. 2n. Issuance of LGBTQ Pride motor vehicle identification tags.

42 “(a) The Mayor shall design and make available for issue one or more LGBTQ Pride
43 motor vehicle identification tags demonstrating support for the LGBTQ community.

44 “(b)(1) A resident ordering an LGBTQ Pride tag shall pay a one-time application fee and
45 a display fee each year thereafter. The application fee shall be \$25, and the display fee shall be
46 \$20, or such other amount as may be established by the Mayor by rule.

47 “(2) The application fee and annual display fee shall be deposited into the Office
48 of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs Fund, established by section 4b

49 of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs Act of 2006, as approved by
50 the Committee on Transportation and the Environment on DATE, 2023 (Committee print of Bill
51 25-168).”.

52 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

56 Sec. 5. Effective date.

57 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
58 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
59 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
60 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
61 Columbia Register.