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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require the Mayor to establish bicycle safety enhancements for District-owned, heavy-duty vehicles and to require bicycle- and pedestrian-awareness training for operators of District-owned, heavy-duty vehicles; and to amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to require that a motor vehicle operator leave a minimum of 3 feet clearance when passing a bicycle and to establish fines for the use of restricted lanes by unauthorized vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Bicycle Safety Enhancement Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Bicycle safety enhancements for District-owned, heavy-duty vehicles.

(a) The Mayor shall:

(1) Equip all District-owned, heavy-duty vehicles with the following:

- (A) Blind-spot mirrors;
- (B) Reflective blind-spot warning stickers; and
- (C) Side-underrun guards to prevent bicyclists, other vehicles, or

pedestrians from sliding under rear wheels.

(2) Require that operators of District-owned, heavy-duty vehicles receive bicycle and pedestrian safety training from a curriculum and instructors that are approved by the District Department of Transportation.

(b) The Mayor, pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this section within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

Sec. 3. Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

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(a) A new section 2202.10 is added to read as follows:

“2202.10 A person driving a motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe

distance, but in no case less than 3 feet, when overtaking and passing a bicycle.”.

(b) Section 2600.1 is amended by adding to the table a new infraction under the caption “Lane or course” to read as follows:

“Improper use of restricted [§ 2220] 100.00”.

**Sec. 4. Applicability.**

Section 2(a)(1)(C) shall apply upon inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

**Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the December 16, 2008 fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 6. 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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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia