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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to clarify standards for clear display of a vehicle identification tag; to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925 to allow for the immediate immobilization and impoundment of vehicles with temporary tags expired over 60 days as indicated by the posted expiry date on the tag, and vehicles with missing, clearly fraudulent or unidentifiable tags, and to require the Mayor to establish and maintain a directory of all permanent and temporary tags issued by U.S. states and territories, including procedures for identifying tags as legitimate, and to direct the Mayor to coordinate investigations and enforcement measures against any person knowingly selling counterfeit, stolen, or otherwise fraudulent temporary tags to District residents; to amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 to specify that the production and distribution of counterfeit or fraudulent temporary vehicle identification tags constitutes an offense of forgery; to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978 to direct the Department of Public Works to prioritize enforcement of violations of this Act for immobilization, towing, and impoundment; to amend the Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Act of 2003 to specify that a vehicle impounded pursuant to this Act shall not be reclaimed until evidence of legitimate vehicle registration is provided to the Director of the Department of Public Works.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fraudulent Vehicle Tag and Parking Enforcement Modernization Amendment Act of 2024”.

TITLE I. PARKING ENFORCEMENT MODERNIZATION.

SUBTITLE A. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 101. Short title.

30 This title may be cited as the “Parking Enforcement Modernization Act of 2024”.

31 Sec. 102. Definitions.

32 For the purposes of this act, the term:

33 (1) “Abandoned vehicle” means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is left,  
34 parked, or stored on public space for more than 48 hours or on private property for more than 30  
35 days, and to which at least one of the following applies:

36 (A) The vehicle is apparently inoperable, including a vehicle missing its  
37 transmission, motor, or one or more tires, and which is not undergoing emergency repair;

38 (B) The vehicle serves as harborage for rats, vermin, and other pests; or

39 (C) The vehicle does not display valid vehicle identification tags, a valid  
40 registration sticker, or is an unidentifiable vehicle; except, that a vehicle shall not be deemed an  
41 abandoned vehicle under this subparagraph solely because the vehicle displays expired tags or  
42 registration sticker, unless the tags or registration sticker expired at least one year before any  
43 enforcement action is taken under this act, which shall be measured concurrently with the period  
44 of time required to establish that the vehicle is abandoned, as described in the lead-in language of  
45 this paragraph.

46 (3) "Dangerous vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that, due to at least  
47 one of the following conditions existing for at least 24 hours, poses an imminent hazard to the  
48 public health, safety, or welfare:

49 (A) The vehicle is extensively damaged, including damaged by fire or exposed  
50 broken glass or metal shards are present; or

51 (B) Another dangerous condition that poses an imminent hazard to the public  
52 health, safety, or welfare is present.

53 (4) “Department” means the Department of Public Works.

54 (5) “Director” means the Director of the Department of Public Works.

55 (6) “Immobilization device” means any device or mechanism that, when equipped to a  
56 motor vehicle, prevents the motor vehicle’s operation but causes no damage to the motor vehicle  
57 unless the motor vehicle is moved while such device or mechanism is in place.

58 (7) “Immobilization-eligible vehicle” means any vehicle that meets the requirements of  
59 section 121.

60 (8) “Impounded” means any vehicle in the custody of the Department of Public Works or  
61 stored at a private storage facility at the direction of the Department as a result of the vehicle:

62 (A) Having been removed from its location pursuant to District laws or  
63 regulations; or

64 (B) Having been transferred from the custody of the Metropolitan Police  
65 Department, or other agency, to the custody of the Department of Public Works.

66 (10) “LPRS” means license plate recognition system, which is an electronic device that  
67 may be handheld, mounted on a vehicle, or positioned in a stationary location and is capable of  
68 recording data on, or taking a photograph of, a vehicle or its vehicle identification tag and  
69 comparing the collected data and photographs to existing databases for investigative and  
70 enforcement purposes.

71 (11) “Motor vehicle” means any device designed to be propelled by an internal-  
72 combustion engine, electricity, or steam.

73 (12) “Park” means to leave any motor vehicle standing on a public right-of-way, public  
74 space, or private space, whether or not attended.

75 (13) “Physical characteristics of an abandoned vehicle” means any of the conditions set  
76 forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

77 (14) “Private property” means real property, including real property owned or under the  
78 jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, other than public space.

79 (15) “Public right-of-way” means means the surface, air space above the surface, and  
80 area below the surface of any public street, highway, bridge, tunnel, alley, or sidewalk.

81 (16) “Public space” means all the property owned or under the jurisdiction of the District  
82 of Columbia, between lines on a street, as such property lines are shown on the records of the  
83 Surveyor of the District of Columbia, and includes any public right-of-way, tree space, sidewalk,  
84 or parking between such property lines.

85 (17) “Safety-sensitive parking violation” means a stopping, standing, or parking violation  
86 that poses an immediate risk to the safety of road users, including:

87 (A) Obstruction of a crosswalk, sidewalk, alley, driveway, or intersection;

88 (B) Stopping, standing, or parking in a fire lane, within 10 feet of a fire hydrant,  
89 or other violations that impact fire safety and emergency response;

90 (C) Unauthorized stopping, standing, or parking in spaces reserved for individuals  
91 with disabilities;

92 (D) Stopping, standing, or parking in a bus lane, bus parking zone, bicycle lane,  
93 or other shared use path; and

94 (E) Other violations as determined by the Mayor.

95 (18) “Unidentifiable vehicle” means any vehicle found parked on any public right-of-way  
96 or public space in the District of Columbia:

97 (A) That does not have a vehicle identification tag displayed or affixed to the  
98 vehicle;

99 (B) With an obscured or illegible vehicle identification number;

100 (C) Displaying a counterfeit, stolen, or otherwise fraudulent vehicle identification  
101 tag;

102 (D) Displaying a vehicle identification tag not identifiable in the directory  
103 required by section 114, or with a vehicle identification tag that can otherwise be clearly  
104 identified as counterfeit, altered, or otherwise fraudulent by visual inspection alone;

105 (E) Using any tinted, colored, painted, marked, clear, or illuminated object that:

106 (i) Covers any of the characters of a vehicle's vehicle identification tag; or

107 (ii) Distorts an image recorded by automated traffic enforcement or a  
108 license plate reader of any of the characters of a vehicle's vehicle identification tag or other  
109 identifying features.

110 (F) Is obscured by a vehicle cover or tarp that obscures the vehicle identification  
111 tags; or

112 (G) Has other characteristics that otherwise restrict the ability to issue the vehicle  
113 a notice of infraction for parking enforcement or automated traffic enforcement.

114 (19) "Vehicle" means motor vehicle.

115 (20) "Vehicle identification number" means a unique alphanumeric code or serial number  
116 used by the automotive industry to identify an individual motor vehicle when a vehicle is  
117 manufactured.

118 (21) "Vehicle identification tag" means:

119 (A) A permanent plate or tag issued in any jurisdiction containing letters,  
120 numerals, or a combination of both, attached to a motor vehicle, that serves as a unique identifier  
121 matching that motor vehicle; or

122 (B) A temporary vehicle tag, dealer's tag, or manufacturer's tag issued in any  
123 jurisdiction for a vehicle awaiting issuance of permanent license plates.

124 SUBTITLE B. ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING VIOLATIONS.

125 Sec. 111. Parking Enforcement Management Administration.

126 (a) There is established within the Department of Public Works a Parking Enforcement  
127 Management Administration (“PEMA”), the purpose of which is to provide:

128 (1) On-street parking enforcement services, including ticketing for parking  
129 violations, immobilization, and impoundment;

130 (2) Removal of abandoned and dangerous vehicles; and

131 (3) Management of impounded vehicles.

132 (b) PEMA shall perform 3 primary organizational functions:

133 (1) Removal of abandoned or dangerous vehicles from any public right-of-way,  
134 public space, or private property;

135 (2) Enforcement of the District’s parking regulations to promote vehicular safety  
136 and access to short-term parking at meters and long-term parking on residential streets; and

137 (3) Immobilizing and impounding immobilization-eligible vehicles on public  
138 space and relocating illegally parked vehicles impeding public rights-of-way.

139 Sec. 112. Enforcement priority.

140 (a) The Director shall deploy Parking Enforcement Management Administration staff and  
141 resources to prioritize:

142 (1) Unidentifiable vehicles, abandoned vehicles, and dangerous vehicles;

143 (2) Vehicles eligible for immobilization and impoundment as a result of vehicle  
144 points assessed pursuant to section 121(b); and

145 (3) Safety-sensitive parking infractions.

146 Sec. 113. License plate recognition systems; usage and privacy.

147 (a) Within one year after the applicability date of this section, the Mayor shall issue rules  
148 to:

149 (1) Ensure that all District agencies equipped with LPRS for enforcement of  
150 parking or moving violations utilize the same database of information;

151 (2) Maximize the ability of District agencies equipped with LPRS to transmit  
152 information to the Department of Public Works that may assist in identifying the location of  
153 immobilization-eligible vehicles;

154 (3) Maintain reasonable security procedures and practices, including operational,  
155 administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect LPRS information from  
156 unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure; and

157 (4) Implement a usage and privacy policy in order to ensure that the collection,  
158 use, maintenance, sharing, and dissemination of LRPS information is consistent with respect for  
159 individuals' privacy and civil liberties.

160 Sec. 114. Directory of vehicle identification tags.

161 (a) Within 90 days after the applicability date of this section, the Mayor shall establish,  
162 and thereafter maintain, a directory of all vehicle identification tags issued by U.S. states and  
163 territories, including procedures for identifying tags as legitimate.

164 (b) The Mayor shall ensure that all District employees tasked with enforcement of  
165 parking and moving violations are adequately trained in the proper verification of vehicle  
166 identification tags.

167 SUBTITLE C. VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION AND IMPOUNDMENT.

168 Sec. 121. Vehicle infraction points.

169 (a)(1) Consistent with this section, the Mayor shall establish a vehicle infraction point  
170 system for the purposes of determining a vehicle's eligibility for immobilization and  
171 impoundment.

172 (2) The Mayor shall assess a greater number of points for infractions that pose the  
173 greatest risk to safety.

174 (3) Vehicle infraction points shall be assessed in addition to any fines.

175 (b) Vehicle points for convictions, sustained notices of infractions, including infractions  
176 detected by the automated traffic enforcement system described in section 901 of the Fiscal Year  
177 1997 Budget Support Act, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-198; D.C. Official Code § 50–  
178 2209.01), or adjudications as a juvenile delinquent, within any consecutive 6-month period  
179 beginning after the applicability date of this section shall be assessed in accordance with the  
180 following table:

Infraction / Offense	Points
Speeding 11-15 miles per hour over the speed limit	2
Speeding 16-19 miles per hour over the speed limit	3
Speeding 20 miles per hour or more over the speed limit	5
Reckless Driving	5



Aggravated Reckless Driving	10
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181 (c) Vehicle points for unpaid notices of infraction, parking violations, and vehicle  
 182 conveyance fees that the owner was deemed to have admitted or that were sustained after a  
 183 hearing, pursuant to sections 305 and 306 of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of  
 184 1978, effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-2301.05 and 50-  
 185 2301.06), and Section 902 of the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996, effective April  
 186 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-198; D.C. Official Code § 50-2209.02), shall be assessed in accordance  
 187 with the following table:

Infraction / Offense	Points
Safety-sensitive parking violation	31
Expired motor vehicle tag or registration – under 30 days	1
Expired motor vehicle tag or registration – 30 to 90 days	2
Expired motor vehicle tag or registration – over 90 days	5
All other parking violations	1

188 (d) The Mayor may issue rules to implement the provisions of this section, and may  
 189 enumerate additional categories of vehicle infraction points.

190 Sec. 122. Vehicles eligible for immobilization or impoundment.

191 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following vehicles shall be deemed  
 192 immobilization-eligible vehicles and subject to immobilization or impoundment pursuant to  
 193 section 123:

194 (1) Unidentifiable vehicles;

195 (2) Vehicles parked on any public right-of-way or public space in the District of  
196 Columbia against which:

197 (A) There have been issued 2 or more warrants; or

198 (B) The Mayor has assessed 10 or more vehicle infraction points pursuant  
199 to section 301; and

200 (3) Abandoned and dangerous vehicles as defined in section 102.

201 Sec. 123. Immobilization and impoundment of immobilization-eligible vehicles.

202 (a) The Department of Public Works or other law enforcement agency identified in 18  
203 DCMR § 3002 and 3003 is authorized to take the following actions against an immobilization-  
204 eligible vehicle or any other vehicle removed from public space or private property pursuant to  
205 District law or regulation:

206 “(1) Remove the vehicle, through towing or other means, and transport the vehicle  
207 for impoundment; or

208 “(2) Immobilize the vehicle using an immobilization device.

209 (b) A vehicle subject to impoundment pursuant to this section shall be taken to a District  
210 government impoundment facility, or other facility as shall be determined by the Mayor.

211 Sec. 124. Booting fee; penalty for damage or removal.

212 (a) The owner of an immobilized vehicle shall be subject to a booting fee of no less than  
213 \$100 for such immobilization.

214 (b) Any person who damages, destroys, or removes a vehicle immobilization device  
215 without authorization of the Mayor shall be subject to a civil fine of no less than \$900.

216 Sec. 125. Immobilized and impounded vehicles; notice to lienholders.

217 (a) In any case involving immobilization of a vehicle pursuant to this act, such law  
218 enforcement officer or employee shall cause to be placed on such vehicle, in a conspicuous  
219 manner, notice sufficient to warn any individual to the effect that such vehicle has been  
220 immobilized and that any attempt to move such vehicle might result in damage to such vehicle.

221 (b) Before the removal of an immobilization device from a motor vehicle or the release of  
222 a motor vehicle from impoundment, the owner shall pay all outstanding fees, charges, civil fines,  
223 or penalties against the owner or any motor vehicle in which the owner has an ownership interest  
224 or had an ownership interest when a notice of infraction was issued; provided, that if the vehicle  
225 was immobilized or impounded with 10 or more vehicle infraction points assessed for moving  
226 violations pursuant to section 121(b), the owners shall also provide evidence of completion of a  
227 safe-driving course created pursuant to section 9a(a) of the Motor Vehicle Services Fees and Driver  
228 Education Support Act of 1982, effective April 20, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-161; D.C. Official Code §  
229 50-1405.02(a)).

230 (c) Except for vehicles disposed of pursuant to section 134, the Department shall send an  
231 impoundment notice, by first class mail, to the last known address of the owners of record of an  
232 impounded vehicle, and any lienholders of record, as that information is indicated in the records  
233 of the Department of Motor Vehicles or in the records of the appropriate agency of the  
234 jurisdiction where the vehicle is registered. If the vehicle was seized from private property other  
235 than real property owned or under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, notice shall also  
236 be sent, by first class mail, to the owner of that property, as indicated in the records of the Office  
237 of Tax and Revenue.

238 (d) The impoundment notice required by subsection (c) of this section shall be mailed no  
239 later than 5 days after the vehicle is received at an impoundment or storage facility and shall:

240 (1) Describe the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of each  
241 vehicle;

242 (2) Indicate the reason why the vehicle was impounded;

243 (3) If impounded for violating section 131, indicate the nature of the violation;

244 (4) Advise the owner and lienholders of the procedures for reclaiming the vehicle  
245 and the applicable reclamation period for doing so; and

246 (5) Warn the owner and lienholders that the vehicle will be sold, or otherwise  
247 disposed of, if those procedures are not completed by the expiration of the reclamation period.

248 (e) If the address of the owner or lienholders cannot be determined, the Department shall  
249 publish an impoundment notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the District within 10  
250 days after a vehicle is received at an impoundment or storage facility. If the mailed notice is  
251 returned as undeliverable within 14 days after mailing, an impoundment notice shall also be  
252 published. The published notice may contain a listing of more than one vehicle and shall:

253 (1) Describe the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of each  
254 vehicle;

255 (2) Provide a telephone number or website address that will inform the owner or  
256 lienholders of the vehicle reclamation procedures; and

257 (3) Indicate the date by which the vehicle must be reclaimed.

258 (f) For the purposes of section 205 of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act  
259 of 1978, effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2302.05)  
260 (“section 205”), the mailing of the impoundment notice shall constitute service of the notice of  
261 infraction for violations of this act. The notice of infraction shall be considered issued, within the  
262 meaning of section 205, on the 5th day after the impoundment notice is mailed.

263 (g) The Director shall determine whether each impounded vehicle has been reported to  
264 law enforcement agencies as stolen, and shall record the vehicle identification number for each  
265 impounded vehicle in a database format that can be accessed by law enforcement personnel.

266 Sec. 126. Vehicle reclamation periods.

267 (a) An impounded vehicle removed from public or private property pursuant to this act,  
268 or any other District law or regulation, must be reclaimed within 28 days after the impoundment  
269 notice sent pursuant to section 125(c), or other time period established by the Mayor by rule.

270 (b) If the address of the owner and lienholders of an impounded vehicle is unknown, the  
271 vehicle must be reclaimed within 14 days after the publication date of reclamation notices  
272 published pursuant to section 125(f).

273 Sec. 127. Procedures for reclaiming impounded vehicles; lien; penalties.

274 (a) An owner or lienholder, or a person duly authorized by either, may reclaim an  
275 impounded vehicle stored at a District government impoundment facility at any time prior to the  
276 expiration of the applicable reclamation period described in section 126, by:

277 (1) Making a payment in accordance with section 125(b);

278 (2) Furnishing proof of entitlement to possession of the vehicle; and

279 (3) Paying to the District government, or the towing company, as directed by the  
280 Department, a towing fee of \$100 and a storage fee of \$20 per day; provided, that the towing fee  
281 shall be \$275 and a storage fee of \$20 per day shall be imposed if the size or the weight of the  
282 impounded vehicle requires the Department or an outside contractor to use special equipment to  
283 tow the vehicle; provided further, that the towing fee shall be \$1,000 if the vehicle was  
284 impounded pursuant to a violation of 18 DCMR § 2405.3(e).

285 (b) Fines and penalties due for parking tickets issued to a vehicle and the towing and  
286 storage fee charges due pursuant to subsection (a)(3) of this section shall constitute a continuing  
287 lien against the impounded motor vehicle. The lien thus created shall be an automatic lien, which  
288 is perfected as of the first date that the fines, penalties, or fees are due and shall be a prior and  
289 preferred claim over all other liens.

290 (c) Any person who has paid a fine for parking, storing, or leaving an abandoned or  
291 dangerous vehicle on public space, and who, after reclaiming the vehicle, thereafter again parks,  
292 stores, or leaves that vehicle on public space in violation of section 133(a)(1) of this Act, shall be  
293 subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.

294 Sec. 128. Disposal of unclaimed vehicles; penalties; auction admission fees.

295 (a) The Department may, consistent with reasonable business practices, sell or otherwise  
296 dispose of an unclaimed vehicle, including all items of personal property left therein.

297 (b) If an unclaimed vehicle is sold at a public auction or through other means pursuant to  
298 subsection (a) of this section, the purchaser shall take title to the vehicle free and clear of all liens  
299 and claims of ownership by others, receive a sales receipt, and be entitled, upon application and  
300 the payment of all applicable fees, to a certificate of title and registration; provided, that all other  
301 eligibility requirements are met.

302 (c) The Department shall retain the proceeds of the sale or disposition of any vehicle an  
303 amount that represents reimbursement for the costs of sale, the costs of towing and storing the  
304 vehicle, the costs of furnishing notice and other related enforcement activities, the payment of  
305 such liens as were declared null and void, and the remainder shall be deposited into the General  
306 Fund.

307 (d) Except for vehicles enclosed on private property or located on the property of a  
308 business engaged in the lawful repair, storage, salvage, or disposal of vehicles, any person who  
309 purchases a vehicle that has been sold for salvage only from the Department, and who, thereafter,  
310 leaves, stores, or parks the vehicle on public space or private property, shall be subject to a civil  
311 fine of not more than \$2,500.

312 (e) The Director is authorized to establish a non-refundable cost-based auction admission  
313 fee. The proceeds from this fee shall be used to offset the costs of all vehicle auctions held on the  
314 day of the auctions. The proceeds from the fee shall be deposited into the General Fund.

315 Sec. 129. Owners and lienholders remedy.

316 An owner or lienholder who fails to reclaim a vehicle within the time prescribed shall  
317 nevertheless be entitled to recover the fair market value of any vehicle disposed of pursuant to  
318 this subchapter if:

319 (1) The owner or lienholder requests a hearing with respect to the notices of infractions  
320 that provided the basis for the impoundment of the vehicle;

321 (2) The hearing is requested within 60 days after the issuance of the notices of infraction;

322 (3) A hearing examiner dismisses the notices of infraction or finds no liability; and

323 (4) The owner or lienholder establishes the vehicle's fair market value by a  
324 preponderance of the evidence; provided, that if the District has sold the vehicle, the price paid  
325 by a good faith purchaser, other than the owner, shall establish a rebuttable presumption of the  
326 fair market value of the vehicle.

327 SUBTITLE D. ABANDONED AND DANGEROUS VEHICLES.

328 Sec. 131. Enforcement against abandoned and dangerous vehicles.

329 (a) The Department shall:

- 330 (1) Determine whether a vehicle is an abandoned or dangerous vehicle;
- 331 (2) Determine whether the vehicle has been stolen, and if it has been stolen,  
332 relinquish custody of the vehicle to the Metropolitan Police Department;
- 333 (3) Place or mail, as applicable, the appropriate warning notice described in  
334 sections 133 and 134;
- 335 (4) Impound any abandoned or dangerous vehicle, if appropriate;
- 336 (5) Mail the impoundment notice required by section 125 to the owner and  
337 lienholders of any impounded vehicle; and
- 338 (6) Sell or dispose of unclaimed impounded vehicles, including all items of  
339 personal property left therein, pursuant to section 308.
- 340 (b) The Mayor shall use personnel who are charged with private or public space  
341 inspection, sanitation inspection, and traffic and parking enforcement responsibilities to  
342 investigate and place warning notices on abandoned and dangerous vehicles.
- 343 (c) The Mayor shall encourage all District government agencies and residents to identify  
344 and report abandoned and dangerous vehicles to the Department.
- 345 Sec. 132. Unlawful acts.
- 346 (a) It shall be a violation of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978,  
347 effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2301.01 *et seq.*), for  
348 any person to park, leave unattended, or store:
- 349 (1) An abandoned or dangerous vehicle on public space;
- 350 (2) Any motor vehicle on private property without the consent of the property  
351 owner; or



352 (3) An abandoned or dangerous vehicle on private property, even with the consent  
353 of the property owner, unless the vehicle is:

354 (A) Kept in a lawful enclosed structure or building completely shielded  
355 from the view of individuals on the adjoining properties; or

356 (B) Lawfully stored or kept on the property of a business engaged in the  
357 lawful repair, storage, salvage, or disposal of vehicles.

358 (b) It shall be a defense to a violation under subsection (a) of this section if the vehicle  
359 owner filed a report, including the time and date of the event, with the Metropolitan Police  
360 Department or the vehicle owner's insurer about the damage to the vehicle, prior to receiving the  
361 notice of infraction; provided, that such defense shall be valid for no more than 15 business days  
362 after the owner filed the damage report and may not be raised again after the expiration of the  
363 15-day period for the same event or incident.

364 Sec. 133. Removal of abandoned and dangerous vehicles from public space; penalties.

365 (a) The District government, or any towing company at the direction of the Department  
366 shall remove an abandoned or dangerous vehicle parked, left, or stored on public space in  
367 violation of section 132(a)(1) as follows:

368 (1) An abandoned vehicle shall be removed 48 hours after a warning notice has  
369 been conspicuously placed on the vehicle. The warning notice shall be placed at the first sighting  
370 of a vehicle that meets the physical characteristics of an abandoned vehicle. The warning notice  
371 shall indicate the date and time it was placed and the date and time that the District is authorized  
372 to remove, impound, or dispose of the vehicle if the vehicle is not moved. The notice shall also  
373 include a statement indicating the vehicle will not be towed if the owner or other authorized  
374 person certifies to the Department that the vehicle is undergoing emergency repair. The notice

375 shall provide a telephone number, and website if any, that will inform the owner how to  
376 accomplish the certification.

377 (2) A dangerous vehicle shall be immediately removed without the placement of a  
378 warning notice.

379 (b) If more than one basis exists for removing a vehicle, whether stated in this act or in  
380 any other law or regulation, the shortest removal period shall apply, including removal without a  
381 warning notice.

382 (c) No vehicle shall be removed from public space pursuant to this section until a notice  
383 of infraction is conspicuously placed on the vehicle.

384 (d) Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person, except the  
385 owner, a person authorized by the owner in writing, an employee of the District government in  
386 connection with the performance of official duties, or a tow crane operator who has valid  
387 authorization from the District government, to do any of the following:

388 (1) Tamper with, remove, or attempt to tamper with or remove any vehicle owned  
389 by another person;

390 (2) Tamper with, remove, or attempt to tamper with or remove any vehicle that is  
391 on public space and to which a District government warning notice that relates to the removal of  
392 the vehicle has been affixed; or

393 (3) Remove, mutilate, or attempt to remove or mutilate the warning notice.

394 (e) Any person violating the provision of subsection (d) of this section shall be subject to  
395 a civil fine of not more than \$500.

396 Sec. 134. Removal of abandoned, dangerous, and unlawfully parked vehicles from  
397 private property.

398           The District government or any towing company at the direction of the Department shall  
399 remove a motor vehicle parked, left, or stored, on private property in violation of section  
400 132(a)(2) or (3), as follows:

401           (1) A vehicle parked, left, or stored without the consent of the property owner shall be  
402 removed immediately after a notice of infraction is issued and conspicuously placed on the  
403 vehicle.

404           (2) A dangerous vehicle shall be removed, with or without the consent of the property  
405 owner, immediately after a notice of infraction is issued and conspicuously placed on the vehicle.

406           (3)(A) An abandoned vehicle shall be removed, with or without the consent of the  
407 property owner, 45 days after a warning notice has been mailed by first class mail to the last  
408 known address of the property owner, as indicated on the records of the Office of Tax and  
409 Revenue. For the purposes of this subsection, notice may run concurrently with the period of  
410 time required to establish that the vehicle is abandoned, as defined in section 102.

411                       (B) The warning notice shall, at a minimum, indicate the make and model  
412 of the vehicle, the date that the vehicle was observed on the property, and the date that the  
413 District is authorized to remove, impound, or dispose of the vehicle if the vehicle remains  
414 unenclosed on the property.

415                       (C) The warning notice shall be mailed after the first sighting of a vehicle  
416 that meets the physical characteristics of an abandoned vehicle. A notice of infraction shall be  
417 conspicuously placed on the vehicle prior to its removal. The notice shall also include a  
418 telephone number, and website if any, that will inform the owner how to contact the Department  
419 to certify that the vehicle is not abandoned.

420           Sec. 135. Post-removal disposition of certain vehicles without further notice.

421 Except for vehicles removed after traffic collisions, the Department may, without further  
422 notice, dispose of a dangerous vehicle or abandoned vehicle removed from the public space or  
423 private property pursuant to any District law or regulation if the vehicle does not display a valid  
424 vehicle identification number and recognizable registration.

425 SUBTITLE E. RULEMAKING.

426 Sec. 141. Rulemaking.

427 (a) The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure  
428 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), may issue  
429 rules to implement the provisions of this act, including rules regarding towing, impoundment,  
430 and immobilization of vehicles in connection with enforcement of the District's parking  
431 restrictions, to establish the amount of, and implement a system for collecting, a vehicle  
432 conveyance fee, and to establish or modify other cost-based fees that are within the scope of the  
433 Mayor's authority in order to implement the provisions of this act.

434 (b) If the District enters into contracts with towing companies, or other contractors, that  
435 provide for such companies to receive full or salvage title to unclaimed vehicles, the Mayor may  
436 promulgate rules to implement the transfers consistent with the provisions of this act.

437 TITLE II. FRAUDULENT OR OBSCURED VEHICLE TAGS.

438 Sec. 201. Title I, Subtitle 5 of the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes  
439 Act of 1982, approved December 1, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-164, D.C. Official Code § 22-3241 *et*  
440 *seq.*) is amended as follows:

441 (a) Section 141(a)(3) (D.C. Official Code § 22-3241(a)(3)) is amended by adding a new  
442 subparagraph (D-1) to read as follows:

443 “(D-1) Vehicle identification tags, as that term is defined in section 102 of  
444 the Parking Enforcement Modernization Amendment Act of 2024, effective [---]; and”.

445 (b) Section 142 (D.C. Official Code § 22-3242.02) is amended by adding a new  
446 subsection (d) to read as follows:

447 “(d) The Mayor and Attorney General shall coordinate and pursue investigations,  
448 enforcement, and prosecution against any person or dealership knowingly selling counterfeit,  
449 stolen, or otherwise fraudulent vehicle identification tags to District residents.”.

450 Sec. 202. The District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50  
451 Stat. 680; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.01 *et seq*), is amended as follows:

452 (a) Section 1 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.01) is amended by adding a new paragraph  
453 (13) to read as follows:

454 “(13) The term “vehicle identification tag” shall have the same meaning as  
455 provided in section 102 of the Parking Enforcement Modernization Amendment Act of 2024,  
456 effective [---].”.

457 (b) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.02) is amended as follows:

458 (1) Subsection (g) is amended as follows:

459 (A) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the term “who knowingly  
460 provides or obtains a counterfeit, stolen, or otherwise fraudulent temporary identification tag;  
461 and” and inserting the phrase “who provides or obtains a counterfeit, stolen, or otherwise  
462 fraudulent vehicle identification tag, regardless of the jurisdiction of issuance;” in its place.

463 (B) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

464 (i) Sub-paragraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “DCMR;  
465 and” and inserting the phrase “DCMR;” in its place.

466 (ii) Sub-paragraph (C) is amended by striking the phrase “tag.” and  
467 inserting the phrase “tag; and” in its place.

468 (iii) A new sub-paragraph (D) is added to read as follows:

469 “(D) To establish procedures for forgiveness of infractions issued to  
470 individuals as a result of violations incurred due to a counterfeit, stolen, or otherwise fraudulent  
471 vehicle identification tag.”.

472 (c) Section 4(a)(4) (D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.04(a)(4)) is amended to read as  
473 follows:

474 “(4) For the owner of any motor vehicle to:

475 “(A) Use or permit the use of any motor vehicle with a counterfeit, stolen,  
476 or otherwise fraudulent vehicle identification tag;

477 “(B) Use or permit the use an unidentified vehicle, as that term is defined  
478 in 102 of the Parking Enforcement Modernization Amendment Act of 2024, effective [---]

479 “(C) Use or permit the use of a vehicle in violation of section 4a.”.

480 (d) A new section 4a is added to read as follows:

481 “Sec. 4a. Display of vehicle identification tags.

482 “(a) Vehicle identification tags shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal  
483 position to the vehicle or trailer for which they are issued and in a place and position to be  
484 clearly visible and legible.

485 “(b) No insignia, emblems, brackets, holders, mounts, frames, trailer hitches, or couplings  
486 shall be mounted in such a way as to hide or obscure any portion of the vehicle identification tag  
487 or render any information on the vehicle identification tag illegible.

488 “(c) No plate cover, glass, plastic, or any other type of material or substance shall be  
489 placed, mounted, or installed on or over any vehicle identification tag, regardless of the legibility  
490 of the information on the vehicle identification tag.”.

491 Sec. 203. Section 305(c-1) of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978,  
492 effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2303.05(c-1)), is  
493 amended as follows:

494 (a) The existing text is designated as paragraph (1).

495 (b) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

496 “(2) A person admitting the commission of an infraction related to an expired  
497 motor vehicle registration or expired vehicle identification tag shall have the fine or penalty  
498 waived if the person includes in the answer definitive proof that the person cured the violation  
499 within 15 days after the issuance of the notice of infraction.”.

500 TITLE III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

501 Sec. 301. Effect of the repeal of provisions.

502 Any repeal of a law or regulation by this act shall not invalidate any enforcement action,  
503 adjudication, or any other action made or taken pursuant to such law or regulation.

504 Sec. 302. Conforming amendments.

505 (a) The District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1119;  
506 D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.01 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

507 (1) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.02) is amended as follows:

508 (A) Paragraph (8A) is repealed.

509 (B) Paragraph (8B) is repealed.

510 (3) Section 6 (D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.03) is amended as follows:

511 (A) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “;  
512 impoundment for outstanding violations”.

513 (B) Subsection (k) is repealed.

514 (b) Section 9(g)(4)(A) of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act of the District of  
515 Columbia, approved May 25, 1954 (68 Stat. 120; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.04) is amended  
516 to read as follows:

517 “(A) Shall include a procedure to have the boot removed or the motor  
518 vehicle reclaimed from impoundment that is consistent with the requirements of the Parking  
519 Enforcement Modernization Act of 2024, effective \_\_\_\_\_ and District government policy; and”.

520 (c) Section 505 of the District of Columbia Traffic adjudication Act of 1978, effective  
521 September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.21) is repealed.

522 (d) The District of Columbia Abandoned and Junk Vehicle Removal Amendment Act of  
523 1989 (D.C. Law 8-24, D.C. Official Code § 50-2401 *et seq.*) is repealed.

524 (e) The Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles  
525 Reform Act of 2003, effective October 28, 2003 (D.C. Law 15-35; D.C. Official Code § 50-  
526 2421.01 *et seq.*) is repealed.

527 TITLE IV. STANDARD PROVISIONS.

528 Sec. 401. Applicability.

529 (a) Sections [----] shall apply upon the date of inclusion of their fiscal effect in an  
530 approved budget and financial plan.

531 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in  
532 an approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council  
533 for certification.



534 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in  
535 the District of Columbia Register.

536 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the  
537 applicability of the provisions identified in subsection (a) of this section.

538 Sec. 402. Fiscal impact statement.

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

542 Sec. 403. Effective date.

543 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
544 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 60-day period of congressional review  
545 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
546 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).