



Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Anti-Intimidation and Defacing of Public or Private Property Criminal Penalty Act of 1982 to make it unlawful to deface or burn a religious or secular symbol on any property of another without permission or to place or display on such property a physical impression that a reasonable person would perceive as a threat to physically damage the property of another.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Community Harassment Prevention Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 3(a) of the Anti-Intimidation and Defacing of Public or Private Property Criminal Penalty Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-203; D.C. Official Code § 22-3312.02(a)), is amended as follows:

(a) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “private premises or property in the District of Columbia primarily used for religious, educational, residential, memorial, charitable, or cemetery purposes, or for assembly by persons of a particular race, color, creed, religion, or any other category listed in section 101 of the Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01),” and inserting the phrase “private property of another without the permission of the owner or the owner’s designee” in its place.

33 (b) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the word “person” and inserting the phrase
34 “person or property” in its place.

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
41 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 60-day period of congressional review as
42 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
43 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of
44 Columbia Register.

45 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.