

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 to clarify when law enforcement officers have authority to engage in a vehicular pursuit of a suspect motor vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuit Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, effective April 21, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-345; D.C. Official Code § 5-365.02(a)) is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (1)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “immediate threat” and inserting the phrasing “imminent threat” in its place.

(b) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) The vehicular pursuit is immediately necessary to protect another person from the threat of serious bodily injury or death and will be conducted in a manner to mitigate the risk of serious bodily injury or death to uninvolved persons.”.

(c) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

35           Sec. 4. Effective date.

36           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
38 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
39 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
40 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).