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Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Residential Tranquility Act of 2010 to prohibit persons targeting a residence for purposes of a demonstration from using amplified sound devices in a residential zone and to prohibit a person as part of a group of 3 or more persons from targeting a residence for purposes of a demonstration between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.; and to amend An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to prohibit a person from launching or throwing a projectile onto the residential property of another with the intent to cause fear, to intimidate, to retaliate, or to protest or disparage the conduct, belief, opinions, action, membership affiliation, religion, race, ethnicity, political party membership, speech, or writings of a person living or working at that residence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Residential Tranquility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Residential Tranquility Act of 2010, effective May 26, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-374; D.C. Official Code § 22-2751 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 22-2751) is amended as follows:

“(4) “Sound amplifying device” means a musical instrument, loud speaker, sound amplifier, radio, tape recorder, television, compact disc player, stereo system, including those installed in motor vehicles, or other similar device that electronically amplifies sound. The term “sound amplifying device” does not include personal hearing aids or headphones.”.

36 (b) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 22-2752) is amended as follows:

37 (1) Amend subsection (a) by striking the phrase “Between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00  
38 a.m.” and inserting the phrase “Between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.” in its place.

39 (2) Add new subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

40 “(a-1) It is unlawful for a person to target a residence for purposes of a demonstration  
41 while using a sound amplifying device in districts zoned R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-3, or R-4.”

42 “(a-2) It is unlawful to continue or resume targeting a residence in violation of this law  
43 after being instructed by a law enforcement officer to cease targeting a residence in violation of  
44 this law.”.

45 Sec. 3. An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March  
46 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1189; D.C. Official Code *passim*), is amended to read as follows:

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

48 “ Sec. Y. Throwing Projectiles at Residential Property.

49 “(a) It is unlawful for any person to launch or throw a projectile onto the residential  
50 property of another with the intent to cause fear; to intimidate; to retaliate; or to protest or  
51 disparage the conduct, belief, opinions, action, membership affiliation, religion, race, ethnicity,  
52 political party membership, speech, or writings of a person living or working at that residence.”

53 “(b) A person convicted of throwing projectiles at residential property shall be fined no  
54 more than the amount set forth in section 101 of the Criminal Fine Proportionality Amendment  
55 Act of 2012, effective June 11, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-317; D.C. Official Code § 22-3571.01), or  
56 incarcerated for no more than 90 days.”

57 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

61           Sec. 5. Effective date.

62           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
63 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
64 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
65 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
66 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).