



Councilmember Brooke Pinto

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary 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

36 installed in motor vehicles, or other similar device that electronically amplifies sound. The term
37 “sound amplifying device” does not include personal hearing aids or headphones.”.”

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

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

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

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

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

47 Sec. 3. An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March
48 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1189; D.C. Official Code *passim*), is amended to read as follows:

49 (1) A new section (y) is added to read as follows:

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

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

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

59 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

63 Sec. 4. Effective date.

64 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
65 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
66 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
67 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
68 Columbia Register.

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