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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To authorize the District to create a Reckless Driver Accountability program, and require the District to impound motor vehicles in the District with five or more speeding or red light tickets, or three or more tickets for driving 26 miles per hour over the speed limit, unless the owners take the Reckless Driver Accountability program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Reckless Driver Accountability Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Reckless Driver Accountability Program.

44 (a) The District shall create a Reckless Driver Accountability traffic safety program. The
45 program shall feature group classes, based on a restorative justice model, to educate reckless
46 drivers on the impacts of their actions. The program shall be open to the public.

47 (1) The District may charge reasonable fees to pay for the administration of the
48 Reckless Driver Accountability program.

49 (b) Motor vehicles with 5 or more Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) or speeding
50 violations, or 3 or more speeding violations for driving 26 miles per hour or more over the speed
51 limit, within a 365 day period shall be subject to impoundment, unless the vehicle's owner
52 enrolls in the Reckless Driver Accountability program within 10 days after notification of the last
53 violation and completes the class within 90 days after the notification of the last violation.

54 (1) Any vehicle impounded pursuant to this section shall not be released until the
55 vehicle's owner completes the Reckless Driver Accountability program and pays all applicable
56 towing and storage fees.

57 (c) The District shall notify, through certified mail, owners of motor vehicles with 4
58 violations, or 2 speeding violations for driving 26 miles per hour or more over the speed limit,
59 that their vehicle will be subject to impoundment following another violation, unless the owner
60 voluntarily enrolls in the Reckless Driver Accountability program within 30 days after receiving
61 the notification of the last violation and completes the class within 120 days after the notification
62 of the last violation.

63 (d) Following completion of the Reckless Driver Accountability program, motor vehicles
64 shall again be subject to impoundment by the District after receiving another 5 ATE or speeding
65 tickets, or another 3 speeding violations for driving 26 miles per hour or more over the speed
66 limit.

67 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

71 Sec. 4. Effective date.

72 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
73 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
74 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
75 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of
76 Columbia Register.