A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Act to Regulate Public Conduct on Public Passenger Vehicles to make fare evasion a civil offense punishable by fine instead of a criminal offense that can be punishable via imprisonment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fare Evasion Decriminalization Act of 2017”.

Section 5 of the Act to Regulate Public Conduct on Public Passenger Vehicles, effective September 23, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-18; D.C. Official Code § 35-253), is amended as follows:

(a) Strike the phrase “A violation of § 35-216 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $300, by imprisonment for not more than 10 days, or both.” and inserting the phrase “A violation of § 35-216 shall be a civil offense punishable by a fine of not more than $100.” in its place.
(b) Strike the phrase "All prosecutions under this act" and insert the phrase "All prosecutions under sections 2, 4, and 5 of this act" in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.


Sec. 4. Effective date.

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