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24 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

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

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

- 38 (a) Strike the phrase "A violation of § 35-216 shall be punishable by a fine of not more
39 than \$300, by imprisonment for not more than 10 days, or both." and inserting the
40 phrase "A violation of § 35-216 shall be a civil offense punishable by a fine of not
41 more than \$100." in its place.

42 (b) Strike the phrase “All prosecutions under this act” and insert the phrase “All
43 prosecutions under sections 2, 4, and 5 of this act” in its place.

44 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

48 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

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