A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978 to no longer provide for the imposition of a penalty equal to the amount of a civil fine for failure to answer a notice of infraction within 30 days when the infraction has been detected by an automated traffic enforcement system or involves a parking, standing, stopping or pedestrian offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Traffic and Parking Ticket Penalty Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978, effective September 12, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-104; D.C. Official Code § 50-2301.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 105(a)(2)(A) (D.C. Official Code § 50-2301.05(a)(2)(A)) is amended by striking the phrase “and section 305(d)(1)”.

(b) Section 205(d) (D.C. Official Code § 50-2302.05(d)) is amended as follows:

(1) The existing subsection (d) is redesignated as subsection (d)(1).

(2) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:
“(2) This subsection shall not apply to a notice of infraction that involves a
violation detected by an automated traffic enforcement system pursuant to section 901 of the
Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-198; D.C.
Official Code § 50-2209.01).”.

(c) Section 304(c) (D.C. Official Code § 50-2303.04(c)) is amended by striking the
phrase “The lessor’s failure to answer the notice of infraction within 30 days after mailing shall
result in the imposition of monetary penalties established by section 205, in addition to the
potential civil fine for the infraction.”.

(d) Section 305(d)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 50-2303.05(d)(1)) is amended by striking the
word “person” and inserting the phrase “non-District resident” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

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.