

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987 to require a driver to bring his or her vehicle to a stop and not traverse a crosswalk when a pedestrian is crossing the roadway; and to amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to increase the fines for pedestrian infractions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Pedestrian Protection Right-of-Way at Crosswalks Amendment Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987, effective October 9, 1987 (D. C. Law 7-34; D. C. Official Code § 50-2201.28(a)), is amended to read as follows:

Amend
§ 50-2201.28

(1) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) When official traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall stop and give the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.”.

(2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the word "yield" and inserting the phrase "stop and give" in its place.

Sec. 3. Section 2603 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

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"18-2603 PEDESTRIAN INFRACTIONS.

"2603.1 The following civil infractions and their respective fines set forth in this section refer to pedestrians:

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

INFRACTION	FINE
"DON'T WALK" or "WAIT" Signal	
Walking against (§ 2302.3)	\$ 20.00
Intersection	
Crossing diagonally (no signal) (§ 2303.3)	20.00
Crossing between (§ 2304.1)	20.00
Lawful order or direction of Police Officer [Repealed] D.C. Law 11-157, 43 DCR 3699, 3700 (July 19, 1996)	
Parading without a permit (§ 2218)	50.00
Path of a vehicle	
Walk suddenly into (§ 2303.2)	10.00
Red light, crossing against (§ 2301.4)	20.00
Right-of-way	
Fail to yield to an emergency vehicle (§ 2305.6)	10.00
Roadway	
Cross at other than right angle (§ 2304.3)	10.00
Cross where prohibited (§ 2304)	10.00
Obstructing traffic in	20.00
Walking in (sidewalk provided) (§ 2305.2)	10.00

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Walking on wrong side (no sidewalk) (§ 2305.3)	10.00
Soliciting rides while standing in roadway (§2305.4)	10.00 .".

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective Date.

This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 603(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.03(c)(1)) and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia