

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

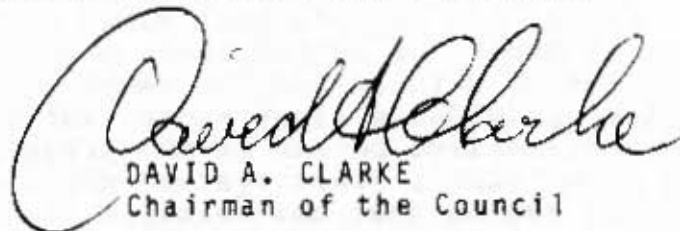
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 7-84

"Visual Alert Systems for the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired Amendment Act of 1987".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 7-96 on first and second readings, November 10, 1987, and November 24, 1987, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 10, 1987, this legislation was assigned Act 7-119, published in the December 18, 1987, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 34 page 8122) and transmitted to Congress on December 21, 1987 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 7-84, effective March 9, 1988.

  
DAVID A. CLARKE  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

December 21,22

January 25,26,27,28,29

February 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29

March 1,2,3,4,7,8

EFFECTIVE  
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AN ACT

D.C. ACT 7 - 119

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEC 10 1987

To amend the Smoke Detector Act of 1978 to require hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, residential-custodial care facilities, and other housing facilities to provide visual alert systems capable of warning deaf or hearing-impaired persons of the presence of smoke or fire.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Visual Alert Systems for the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired Amendment Act of 1987".

Sec. 2. The Smoke Detector Act of 1978, effective June 20, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-81; D.C. Code, sec. 5-529 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Code, sec. 5-529) is amended by adding a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

D.C. Code,  
sec. 5-529  
(1988 supp.)

"(i) The term "visual alert system" means a visual warning device or system that, when activated by or in conjunction with an audible smoke detector and warning system, provides a light signal sufficient to warn a deaf or hearing-impaired person of the presence of fire or smoke. The term "visual alert system" shall include a visual warning system that has multiple functions if 1 of the functions of the system is to warn a deaf or hearing-impaired person of the presence of fire or smoke."

(b) A new section 3a is added to read as follows:

New,  
D.C. Code,  
sec. 5-530a  
(1988 supp.)

"Section 3a. Visual alert systems.

"(a)(1) The owner of each hotel or motel shall have available on the premises at least 1 visual alert system for every 50 units or less.

"(2) Each hotel or motel shall provide a visual alert system to any guest or patron upon request. In circumstances in which the number of requests for visual alert systems exceeds the number of visual alert systems available, the hotel or motel shall make arrangements to

procure additional systems, which shall be provided to the guest or patron within 8 hours of his or her request.

"(3) A notice informing guests and patrons of the availability of visual alert systems for deaf or hearing-impaired persons shall be posted either conspicuously in the lobby of the hotel or motel or placed conspicuously in the room of each guest or patron.

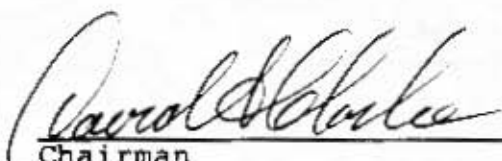
"(b) Upon the request of a deaf or hearing-impaired person, the owner of each dwelling unit, hospital, nursing home, or residential-custodial care facility shall provide a visual alert system in each room in which a deaf or hearing-impaired person resides.

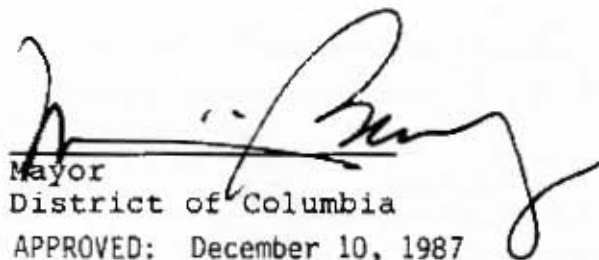
"(c) Upon the request of a deaf or hearing-impaired person, the Mayor shall provide a visual alert system in each dwelling unit, hospital, nursing home, jail, prison, or residential-custodial care facility owned by the District of Columbia in which a deaf or hearing-impaired person resides."

(c) Section 9b (D.C. Code, sec. 5-538) is amended by adding after the phrase "smoke detector" wherever it appears the phrase "or visual alert system".

D.C. Code,  
sec. 5-538  
(1988 supp.)

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
APPROVED: December 10, 1987



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Council Period Seven

**RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE**

DOCKET NO: B7-96

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 11-10-87

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

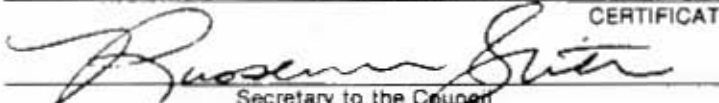
Absent: Rolark and Smith

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
CHMN. CLARKE					NATHANSON					THOMAS SR.				
CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
KANE					SCHWARTZ									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X — Indicates Vote      A.B. — Absent      N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

  
Secretary to the Council

11/25/87  
Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 11-24-87

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

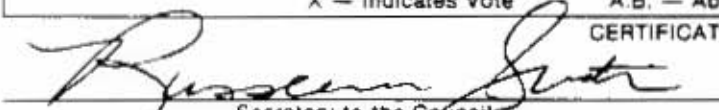
Absent: Jarvis and Ray

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary to the Council

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Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VOICE VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded vote on request

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

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