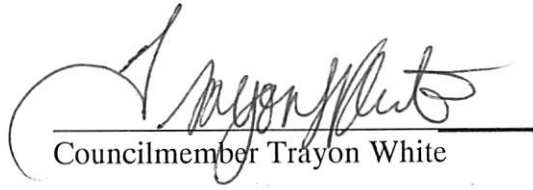


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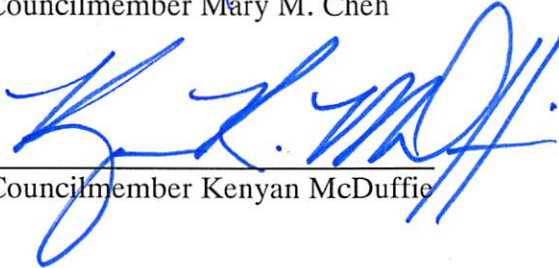
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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to mandate reporting of all evictions to the Office of Tenant Advocate so that the Office of the Tenant Advocate can connect affected tenants to resources that prevent eviction and promote housing security.

BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Eviction Prevention Act of 2017"

Sec. 2. Section 501 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.01), is amended by adding a new subsection (q) to read as follows:

"(q) Any notice to vacate, including notices to vacate for nonpayment of rent, must be sent by the housing provider to the District of Columbia's Office of the Tenant Advocate within two days after the notice is served on the tenant. This notice can be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic mail. A housing provider who fails to comply with this subsection

1 shall not be entitled to recover possession of the housing unit(s) in any proceeding. Within four  
2 (4) days of receipt of any notice pursuant to this subsection, the Office of the Tenant Advocate  
3 shall send via certified mail to all tenants identified, a notice of basic housing rights and  
4 resources, a list of tenants' rights organizations with their contact information, a list of  
5 organizations that provide rental payment assistance, and a list of organizations that provide legal  
6 advice for tenants facing eviction. The Office may use other means in addition to certified mail  
7 to contact the tenant(s).

8           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

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

12           Sec. 4. Effective date.

13           The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by6 the  
14 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
15 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
16 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
17 Columbia Register.

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