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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 10-163

Motor Vehicle Tinted Window Amendment Act of 1994".

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. 10-422 on first and second readings, June 7, 1994, and June 21, 1994, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 8, 1994, this legislation was assigned Act No. 10-276, and published in the July 22, 1994, edition of the <u>D.C. Register</u> (Vol.41 page 4886) and transmitted to Congress on July 15, 1994 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 10-163 effective August 26, 1994.

Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

July 15,18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,29

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D.C. ACT 10-276

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JULY 8, 1994

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- "(c) Any person who operates or parks a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be issued a \$50 citation.
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- (h) Limousines, ambulances, buses and hearses, meeting the requirements of 18 DCMR 413.10, church-owned vehicles, and all official government vehicles, shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.
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- If the motor vehicle described in subsection 734.11 is not brought into compliance with subsection 734.8 by the end of the 5-day period, the owner of the vehicle shall be fined not more than \$1,000.
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Sec. 4. 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 § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

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# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

# JUN 2 3 1994

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Re: <u>Transmittal of Bill 10-422</u>, "Motor Vehicle Tinted Window Amendment Act of 1994".

Date of Council Action: ____06-21-94

Dear Mayor Kelly:

The above named enacted bill is hereby transmitted in accordance with Section 404(e) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198.

Attached to this bill, for your information, is the report of the Council's standing committee with jurisdiction over this matter.

Sincerely

David A. Clarke

Chairman of the Council

Enclosure

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