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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C. LAW 11-44

"Prevention of Transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Temporary Amendment Act of 1995".

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. 11-311 on first and second readings, June 6, 1995 and June 20, 1995, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on June 28, 1995, pursuant to Section 404(e) of "the Act", and was assigned Act No. 11-82 and published in the July 7, 1995, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 42 page 3456) and transmitted to Congress on June 30, 1995 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 11-44, effective September 16, 1995.

Chairman of the Council

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AN ACT

D.C. ACT 11-82

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JUNE 28, 1995

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Drug Paraphernalia Act of 1982 to allow qualified community based organizations or other qualified individuals specifically designated by the Commissioner of Public Health, to operate the Needle Exchange Program in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Prevention of Transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Temporary Amendment Act of 1995".

Sec. 2. Section 4a of the Drug Paraphernalia Act of 1982, effective March 25, 1993 (D.C. Law 9-252; D.C. Code § 33-603.1), is amended as follows:

Note, Section 33-603.1

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

"(b) The Program authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall be administered by the Commission of Public Health in the Department of Human Services. Only qualified medical officers, registered nurses, counselors, community based organizations, or other qualified individuals specifically designated by the Commissioner of Public Health shall be authorized to exchange hypodermic needles and syringes under the provisions of subsections (c) through (i) of this section.".

(b) Subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) The District of Columbia, its officers, or employees shall not be liable for any injury or damage resulting from use of, or contact with, any needle exchanged as part of the Program authorized by subsection (a) of this section.".

(c) A new subsection (e-1) is added to read as follows:

"(e-1) A community based organization or other qualified individual designated by the Commissioner on Public Health under subsection (b) of this section shall not be liable for any injury or damage resulting from the use of, or contact with, any needle exchanged as part of the

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Program authorized by subsection (a) of this section, unless such injury or damage is a direct result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of such community based organization or other qualified individual.".

Sec. 3. (a) 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 either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect or upon the effective date of the Prevention of Transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Amendment Act of 1995, whichever occurs first.

Chairman Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor

District of Columbia APPROVED: June 28, 1995

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