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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 9-244

"Legalization of Self-Defense Sprays Amendment Act of 1992".

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. 9-587 on first and second readings, December 1, 1992, and December 15, 1992, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on January 6, 1993, this legislation was assigned Act No. 9-382, published in the January 22, 1993, edition of the <u>D.C.</u> <u>Register</u>, (Vol. 40 page 647) and transmitted to Congress on January 15, 1993 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 9-244, effective March 17, 1993.

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D.C. ACT 9-382 (________ Supplement)

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JANUARY 6, 1993

To amend Title II of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to legalize the possession and use of self-defense sprays in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Legalization of Self-Defense Sprays Amendment Act of 1992".

Sec. 2. Title II of the Firearms Control Regulations Act, effective September 24, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Code § 6-2311 *et seq.*), is amended by adding new sections 212 through 214 to read as follows:

"Sec. 212. Definition.

"For the purposes of sections 212 through 214, the term:

"Self-defense spray means a mixture of a lacrimator including chloroacetophenone, alphacloracetophenone, phenylchloromethylketone, orthochlorobenazalm-alononitrile or oleoresin capsicum.

"Sec. 213. Possession of self-defense sprays.

"(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 101(7)(c), a person 18 years of age or older may possess and use a self-defense spray in the exercise of reasonable force in defense of the person or the person's property only if it is propelled from an aerosol container, labeled with or accompanied by clearly written instructions as to its use, and dated to indicate its anticipated useful life.

"(b) No person shall possess a self-defense spray which is of a type other than that specified in this act.

"Sec. 214. Registration of self-defense sprays.

"(a) A person 18 years of age or older must register the self-defense spray at the time of purchase by completing a standard registration form.

"(b) The vendor must forward the registration form to the Metropolitan Police Department.".

Sec. 3. Effective date.

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 New Section 6-2322

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New Section 6-2324 publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Chairman Council of the District of Columbia

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APPROVED: January 6, 1993



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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