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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 9-268

"Law Enforcement Witness Protection 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. 9-385 on first and second readings, June 2, 1992, and July 7, 1992, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 21, 1992, this legislation was assigned Act No. 9-256, published in the July 31, 1992, edition of the $\underline{D.C.}$ Register, (Vol. 39 page 5702) and transmitted to Congress on January 5, 1993 for a 60-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(2) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 60-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 9-268, effective May 7, 1993.

JOHN A. WILSON Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 60-day Congressional Review Period:

January 5,6,20,21,22,25,26,27

February 2,3,4,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26

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District of Columbia Code

D.C._ACT_9-256

(1993 Supplement)

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JULY 21, 1992

To amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 to strengthen the criminal sanctions for the offense of obstruction of justice, and to expand the definition of an official proceeding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Law Enforcement Witness Protection Amendment Act of 1992".

- Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982, effective December 1, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-164; D.C. Code §22-701 et seq.), is amended as follows:
- (a) Section 301(5) (D.C. Code §22-711(5)), is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-711

- "(5) "Official proceeding" means any trial, hearing, investigation, or other proceeding in a court of the District of Columbia or conducted by the Council of the District of Columbia or an agency or department of the District of Columbia government, or a grand jury proceeding.".
- (b) Section 501(4) (D.C. Code §22-721(4)) is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-721

- "(4) "Official proceeding" means any trial, hearing, investigation, or other proceeding in a court of the District of Columbia or conducted by the Council of the District of Columbia or an agency or department of the District of Columbia government, or a grand jury proceeding.".
 - (c) Section 502 (D.C. Code §22-722) is amended as follows:

Section 22-722

- (1) Subsection (a)(1) and (2) are amended to read as follows:
 "(1) Knowingly uses intimidation or physical force, threatens or corruptly persuades another person, or by threatening letter or communication, endeavors to influence, intimidate, or impede a juror in the discharge of the juror's official duties:
- "(2) Knowingly uses, intimidating or physical force, threatens or corruptly persuades another person, or by threatening letter or communication, endeavors to influence, intimidate, or impede a witness or officer in any official proceeding, with intent to:
- "(A) Influence, delay, or prevent the truthful testimony of the person in an official proceeding;

- "(B) Cause or induce the person to withhold truthful testimony or a record, document, or other object from an official proceeding;
- "(C) Evade a legal process that summons the person to appear as a witness or produce a document in an official proceeding;
- "(D) Cause or induce the person to be absent from a legal official proceeding to which the person has been summoned by legal process; or
- "(3) Harasses another person with the intent to hinder, delay, prevent, or dissuade the person from:
 - "(A) Attending or testifying truthfully in an official

proceeding;

"(B) Reporting to a law enforcement officer the commission of, or any information concerning, a criminal offense;

"(C) Arresting or seeking the arrest of another person

in connection with the commission of a criminal offense; or

"(D) Causing a criminal prosecution or a parole or probation revocation proceeding to be sought or instituted, or assisting in a prosecution or other official proceeding;"

(2) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) By striking the phrase "\$1,000" and inserting the phrase "\$10,000" in its place; and

- (B) By striking the phrase "not more than 3 years" and inserting the phrase "not less than 3 years nor more than 10 years" in its place.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 60-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)(2) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code §1-233(c)(2)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Chairman

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APPROVED: July 21, 1992



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