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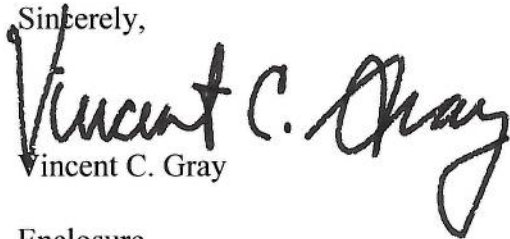
The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 506  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

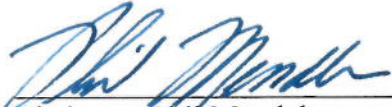
Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is proposed legislation entitled the "District of Columbia Drivers Safety Amendment Act of 2013". The proposed legislation would allow District residents who cannot prove their lawful presence in the United States to obtain, with alternative documentation, a driver privilege card or driver privilege permit authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Lucinda Babers, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles at (202) 727-2200.

Sincerely,

  
Vincent C. Gray

Enclosure



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925 to allow for issuance of a driver license, permit or identification card for undocumented residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Drivers Safety Amendment Act of 2013”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1119; D.C. Official Code § 50-1401.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

New section 8c is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 8c. (a) The Mayor may issue a driver license, permit or identification card to an applicant who: (i) has resided in the District of Columbia for a period in excess of six (6) months, (ii) is ineligible to obtain a social security number, (iii) has obtained an individual identification number (ITIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service, and (iv) is unable to present documentation issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services authorizing the person's presence in this country. The applicant shall submit a valid unexpired passport from the applicant's country of citizenship including a certified translation if the

passport is not in English or foreign birth certificate including a certified translation if the birth certificate is not in English.

(b) A driver license or permit under this section shall be issued to those individuals who meet all of the requirements for issuance of a driver license or permit as set forth in § 50-1401.01 and Chapter 1 of 18 DCMR. An identification card shall be issued to those individuals who meet all of the requirements for issuance of an identification card as set forth in Section 12 of Chapter 1 of 18 DCMR.

(c) A driver license or identification card issued under subsection (a) is valid for eight (8) years. The driver learner permit or provisional permit shall be valid for the time period as set forth in § 50-1401.01(a)(2) and (a)(2A).

(d) A driver license, permit or identification card issued under this section shall clearly state on its face and in its machine-readable zone that it is not acceptable by federal agencies for official purposes.

(e) Any person to whom the Mayor may issue a driver license or permit shall have the equivalent authorization to operate a motor vehicle as provided in § 50-1401.01 and shall be subject to any and all statutory and regulatory provisions pertaining to driver licensing.

(f) The Mayor may issue rules to implement this section. The proposed rules shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rules, in whole or in part, by resolution within this 45-day period, the proposed rules shall be deemed approved.”

### Sec. 3. Implementation.

The Mayor shall implement this act within 300 days after the effective date.

Sec.4. Fiscal Impact Statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective Date.

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