

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Kwame R. Brown introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, to create an enhanced penalty for fleeing the scene of an accident when a minor has been injured.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Child Safety Amendment Act of 2005".

Sec. 2. Section 10(a)(2) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act , 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1124; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.05(a)(2)), is amended as follows:

(a) The existing language is designated as subparagraph (A).

(b) The newly designated subparagraph (A) is amended by adding the phrase "over the age of 18" after the phrase "an individual" and by striking the phrase "not more than \$500" and inserting the phrase "not more than \$1,000" in its place and by striking the phrase "not more than \$1,000" and inserting the phrase "not more than \$2,000" in its place.

(c) A new subparagraph (B) is added to read as follows:

"(B) Any operator whose vehicle causes personal injury to an individual under the age of 19 and who fails to conform to the above requirements shall, upon conviction of the 1st offense, be fined not more than \$ 5,000, or shall be imprisoned not more than 12 months,

or both; and upon the conviction of his 2nd or subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or shall be imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.”.

Sec. 3. 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. 4. 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.