

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985 to provide full recovery for a homeowner harmed by ~~the~~ substandard work performed by a previous owner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Homeowner Protection Amendment Act of 2013”.

Sec. 2. Section 104 of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985, effective October 5, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-42; D.C. Official Code ~~1~~ § 2-1801.04), is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follow:

“(c)(1) The Mayor may impose additional sanctions when requested by an individual homeowner (“petitioner”) who has been harmed as a result of a violation of Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“Title 12”).

“(2) The petitioner shall make the request within 10 years of when the violation occurred.

“(3) If the Mayor finds that the respondent has violated Title 12, the Mayor shall impose a penalty of 100% of the cost incurred by the petitioner to remedy the harm caused by the respondent. The Mayor shall pay ~~to the petitioner,~~ the entire amount collected pursuant to this paragraph to the petitioner.

1                   “(4) The Mayor may impose additional penalties to cover  
2 administrative costs incurred by the District in carrying out the duties imposed by this  
3 subsection, payable to the District.

4                   “(5) Noncompliance with the imposition of sanctions imposed by  
5 this subsection shall convert the penalty to a debt owed to the District.”.

6           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

7           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the  
8 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home  
9 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
10 | 206.029(c)(3)).

11           Sec. 4. Effective date.

12           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto  
13 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of  
14 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home  
15 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-  
16 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.