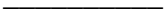


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A BILL

22-472

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982 to prohibit threats, with the intent to obtain property of another or to cause another to do or refrain from doing any act, to distribute a photograph, video, or audio recording tending to subject another person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, embarrassment, or other injury to reputation, and to prohibit threats, with the intent to obtain property of another or to cause another to do or refrain from doing any act, to notify a federal, state, or local government agency or official of another person’s immigration or citizenship status.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Sexual Blackmail Elimination and Immigrant Protection Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Section 152(a) of the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982, effective December 1, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-164; D.C. Official Code § 22-3252(a)), is amended to read as follows:

“(a) A person commits the offense of blackmail when that person, with intent to obtain property of another or to cause another to do or refrain from doing any act, threatens to:

“(1) Accuse another person of a crime;

“(2) Expose a secret or publicize an asserted fact, whether true or false, tending to subject another person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, embarrassment, or other injury to reputation;

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29 “(3) Impair the reputation of another person, including a deceased person;

30 “(4) Distribute a photograph, video, or audio recording, whether authentic or
31 inauthentic, tending to subject another person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, embarrassment, or
32 other injury to reputation; or

33 “(5) Notify a federal, state, or local government agency or official of, or publicize,
34 another person’s immigration or citizenship status.”.

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

36 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact
37 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
38 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
41 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 60-day period of congressional review as
42 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
43 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of
44 Columbia Register.