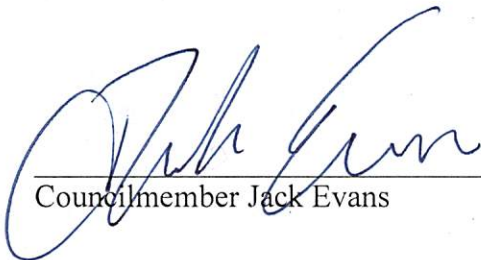


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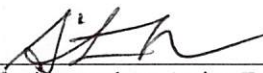
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33 To authorize the Office of Human Rights to impose civil financial penalties on property owners
34 who advertise their intent to discriminate against rental applicants using housing
35 vouchers.

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37 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
38 act may be cited as the "Housing Voucher Discrimination Penalty Amendment Act of 2019".

39 Sec. 2. Section 313(a) of the Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977
40 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code §2-1403.13), is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to
41 read as follows:

42 “(4) If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission determines that a respondent
43 engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice based on the source of income of an individual in
44 violation of section 221(a)(5), the Commission shall issue, and cause to be served upon the
45 respondent, a decision and order, accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law,
46 requiring the respondent to cease and desist from the unlawful discriminatory practice, and
47 providing for the payment to the complainant of a fine of \$10,000 for the first violation, \$15,000
48 for the 2nd violation, and \$20,000 for each subsequent violation”.”

49 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

53 Sec.4. Effective date.

54 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
55 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
56 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
57 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of
58 Columbia Register.