

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Muriel Bowser introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend the Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases Control Act of 2004 to require that the Mayor create a ward-based mosquito abatement plan to prevent and abate the infestation of mosquitoes in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Mosquito Prevention and Abatement Amendment Act of 2011”.

Sec. 2. The Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases Control Act of 2004, effective May 18, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-163; D.C. Official Code § 8-2131.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 7a to read as follows:

“Sec. 7a. Mosquitoes.

“(a) The Mayor shall:

“(1) Institute a comprehensive, ward-based mosquito abatement plan to:

“(A) Determine which wards are in greatest need of mosquito abatement;

and

“(B) Develop a plan of action to include reduction methods that would

alter or eliminate the habitats of immature mosquitoes and control immature or adult mosquitoes.

“(2) Thereafter, the Mayor shall carry out a similar study by no later than March

31st of every year, beginning March 31, 2012, and develop a plan to be named the “Ward Based

1 Mosquito Abatement Plan” outlining wards in greatest need of mosquito abatement.

2 “(b) Control measures taken for the eradication of mosquitoes shall, to the extent
3 practicable, not be injurious to pets or wildlife.”.

4 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

8 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

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