

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**
3 **APRIL 14, 2010**

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6 **A BILL**
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11 **IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
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15 To require the installation of sidewalks to ensure a safe and accessible environment for
16 pedestrians and persons with disabilities; to establish minimum design and
17 consultation requirements; and to provide for exemptions.
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19 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,**

20 That this act may be cited as the “Priority Sidewalk Assurance Act of 2010.”

21 **Sec. 2. Sidewalk installation requirements.**

22 (a) For road segments that lack sidewalks on both sides of the street, road
23 reconstruction or curb and gutter replacement shall include installation of a sidewalk on
24 at least one side of the street.

25 (b) For roadways that are missing sidewalks, but are not undergoing major
26 construction, sidewalk installation shall be prioritized for the following areas:

- 27 (1) Missing sidewalks in school areas;
28 (2) Routes that provide access to parks and recreational facilities;
29 (3) Transit stops;
30 (4) Locations where the absence of a sidewalk creates substantial
31 pedestrian safety risks; and

- 1 (1) The physical site conditions would make it unduly expensive to
2 construct the sidewalk;
- 3 (2) The sidewalk would be not used by pedestrians; or
- 4 (3) The Director of the District Department of Transportation certifies
5 that, due to the specific nature or design of the road segment under consideration,
6 pedestrian travel can be safely accommodated without sidewalks, including travel by
7 children and people with disabilities.

8 (b) The written finding required in subsection (a) of this section shall be posted
9 on the District Department of Transportation website and made available to the Council
10 and the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

11 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

16 Sec. 6. Effective date.

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