A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Human Rights Act of 1977 to protect individuals experiencing homelessness from discrimination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Michael A. Stoops Anti-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01) is amended by striking the phrase “and place of residence or business.” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, and homelessness.” in its place.

(b) Section 102 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.02) is amended as follows:

(1) A new paragraph (13A) is added to read as follows:

(13A) “Homeless” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 2(18) of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01(18)).
(c) Section 211 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.11) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “political affiliation, or” and inserting the phrase “political affiliation, homeless status, or” in its place.

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “political affiliation, or” and inserting the phrase “political affiliation, homeless status, or” in its place.

(d) Section 221 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.21) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “or place of residence or business of any individual:” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or homeless status of any individual:” in its place.

(B) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “or place of residence or business, of any individual;” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or homeless status of any individual;” in its place.

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “or place of residence or business of any individual.” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or homeless status of any individual.” in its place.

(e) Section 231 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.31) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “or place of residence or business of any individual:” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or homeless status of any individual:” in its place.

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “or place of residence or business of any individual.” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or homeless status of any individual.” in its place.
(f) Section 241 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.41) is amended as follows:

   (1) Subsection (1) is amended by striking the phrase “or disability of any
   individual; or” and inserting the phrase “disability, or homeless status of any individual; or” in its
   place.

   (g) Section 271 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.71) is amended by striking the phrase “or
   location within the geographical area of the District of Columbia of any individual:” and
   inserting the phrase “homeless status, or location within the geographical area of the District of
   Columbia of any individual:” in its place.

   (h) Section 273 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.73) is amended by striking the phrase “or
   place of residence or business.” and inserting the phrase “place of residence or business, or
   homeless status.” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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