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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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Chairman Vincent Gray, Councilmembers Phil Mendelson, Carol Schwartz, Jim Graham, Yvette Alexander, Marion Barry, Muriel Bowser, Jack Evans, Harry Thomas, Jr., Mary Cheh, and David Catania introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to repeal the prohibition on the registration of pistols, to require a ballistics record for each registered pistol, to require a waiting period when registering a firearm, and to establish a self-defense exception to the requirement for safe storage of firearms in the home.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this Act may be cited as the "Firearms Control Amendment Act of 2008".

Section 2. The Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective September 24, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Official Code § 7-2501.01, *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 202 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2502.02) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a)(4) is repealed; and

(2) Subsection (b) is repealed.

(b) A new section 203a is added to read as follows:

“203a. Ballistics Record.

“For each pistol subject to an application for a registration certificate the Chief shall obtain an accurate ballistics print.”.

(c) Section 206(a) (D.C. Official Code § 7-2502.06(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) An application for a registration certificate shall be filed, and a registration certificate issued, prior to a person or organization having possession of the firearm in the District. The Chief may authorize possession of a firearm without a registration certificate having been issued only if an application for a registration certificate has been filed and such other requirements have been met as the Chief prescribes by regulation.”.

(d) Section 702 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2507.02) is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 702. Except for law enforcement personnel described in section 201(b)(1), each registrant shall keep any firearm in his or her possession unloaded and either disassembled or bound by a trigger lock or similar device unless such firearm is kept at his or her place of business, or while being used for lawful recreational purposes within the District of Columbia, or for the purpose of immediate self-defense in his or her home.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal Impact Statement.

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The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
approved December 24, 1974 (87 Stat. 813, D.C. Official Code § 1-206(02(c)(3)).

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Section 4. Effective Date.

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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)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of  
Columbia Register.

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