

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require a resolution of approval by Congress of Acts of the District of Columbia with respect to title 47 of the District of Columbia Code or which impose or increase a tax or fee, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “D.C. Taxing Authority
5 Review Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 602(c) of the District of
3 Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official
4 Code) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
6 graph (4); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2), the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(3) In the case of any such Act transmitted by
10 the Chairman with respect to any Act codified in
11 title 47 of the District of Columbia Code or which
12 would impose or increase a tax or fee, such Act shall
13 not take effect at the end of the 60-day period be-
14 ginning on the day such Act is transmitted by the
15 Chairman to the Speaker of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the President of the Senate unless, during
17 such 60-day period, there has been enacted into law
18 a joint resolution approving such Act. In any case in
19 which any such joint resolution approving such Act
20 has, within such 60-day period, passed both Houses
21 of Congress and has been transmitted to the Presi-
22 dent, such resolution, upon becoming law subsequent
23 to the expiration of such 60-day period shall be
24 deemed to have approved such Act, as of the date
25 such resolution becomes law. The provisions of sec-
26 tion 604, relating to expedited procedure for consid-

1 eration of joint resolutions, shall apply to a joint res-
2 olution approving such Act as specified in this sub-
3 paragraph.”.

4 (b) REDUCTION IN DEBATE TIME.—Section 604(h)
5 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–
6 206.04(h), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “the resolution” and inserting
8 “such a resolution, other than such a resolution con-
9 sidered under section 602(c)(3),”; and

10 (2) by inserting “Debate on such a resolution
11 considered under section 602(c)(3) shall be limited
12 to not more than one hour, which shall be divided
13 equally between those favoring and those opposing
14 the resolution.” after the first sentence.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 602(c)(1)
16 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–
17 206.02(c)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
18 “Except as provided in paragraph (2)” and inserting “Ex-
19 cept as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3)”.

20 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
21 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to Acts trans-
22 mitted to Congress as required by section 602(c) the Dis-
23 trict of Columbia Home Rule Act after the date of the
24 enactment of this Act.