



Legislation Text

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance amending the sentencing structure for violations of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, modifying the penalty for class 1 violations and making conforming amendments to DRMC sections referencing §1-13(e) for non-criminal violations.

Amends sections of the Denver Revised Municipal Code setting a maximum municipal sentence of 364 days for certain offenses to bring the code in conformance with changes made to Colorado Revised Statutes in 2019. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 10-28-20.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

This code change is required to bring the Denver Revised Municipal Code into conformance with

changes made to state statute in 2019. HB19-1148 set a maximum municipal sentence of 364 days. This builds on previous reform efforts the city has made to address undesirable consequences of code violations. The purpose of this bill and previous Denver reform efforts is to protect against deportation consequence for people otherwise here legally if committing a municipal offense. Changes have already been implemented in practice and this action would simply clean up the code to match state law. Fines would remain unchanged. Nothing in this bill or previous legislation limits alternative sentencing options that are otherwise available to the court

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached?