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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMPLOYEE NON-LIBILITY ACT
(Public Law 86-654)**

AN ACT

To deny to the District or Columbia in suits on claims arising out of the negligent operation of vehicles owned or controlled by it and operated by its employees in the performance of their official duties, the defense of governmental immunity, to relieve such employees of liability in such cases to third persons, and for other purposes.

Section 6. After the effective date of this Act, no civil action or proceeding shall be brought or be maintained against an employee of the District for loss of or damage to property or for personal injury, including death, resulting from the operation by such employee of any vehicle if it be alleged in the complaint or develop in a later stage of the proceeding that the employee was acting within the scope of his office or employment, unless the District shall, in an action brought against it for such damage or injury, including death, specifically deny liability on the ground that the employee was not, at the time and place alleged, acting within the scope of his office or employment. If in any such civil action or proceeding pending in a court in the District of Columbia as of the effective date of this Act the District has not been named as a defendant, said District shall be joined as a defendant and after its answer has been filed and subject to the provisions of the preceding sentence, the action shall be dismissed as to the employee and the case shall proceed as if the District had been a party defendant from the inception thereof.

Section 7. Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to relieve any District employee from liability to the District for negligent damage to or loss of District property.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its enactment.

Approved: July 14, 1960.

Effective Date: August 13, 1960.