

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1378

To provide that the authority to grant clemency for offenses against the District of Columbia shall be exercised in accordance with law enacted by the District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

To provide that the authority to grant clemency for offenses against the District of Columbia shall be exercised in accordance with law enacted by the District of Columbia.

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 “District of Columbia
5 Clemency Home Rule Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO GRANT CLEMENCY IN ACCORDANCE**
2 **WITH DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW FOR OF-**
3 **FENSES AGAINST DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.**—The authority to grant
5 clemency for offenses against the District of Columbia
6 shall be exercised by such person or persons, and under
7 such terms and conditions, as may be provided under law
8 enacted by the District of Columbia.

9 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act
10 may be construed to affect any authority exercised by the
11 President or the Mayor of the District of Columbia prior
12 to the effective date of any law enacted by the District
13 of Columbia pursuant to this Act with respect to the au-
14 thority to grant clemency for offenses against the District
15 of Columbia.

16 (c) **CLEMENCY DEFINED.**—In this Act, the term
17 “clemency” means a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of
18 sentence, or a remission of a fine or other financial pen-
19 alty.

○