

One Hundred Thirteenth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday,  
the third day of January, two thousand and fourteen*

An Act

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia" to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF RULES APPLYING TO HUMAN OCCU-  
PANCY OF PENTHOUSES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BUILDINGS.**

(a) PERMITTING HUMAN OCCUPANCY OF PENTHOUSES WITHIN CERTAIN HEIGHT LIMIT.—The eighth paragraph of section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia", approved June 1, 1910 (sec. 6-601.05(h), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

(1) by striking "penthouses over elevator shafts," and inserting "penthouses,"; and

(2) by striking "and no floor or compartment thereof shall be constructed or used for human occupancy above the top story of the building upon which such structures are placed" and inserting "and, except in the case of a penthouse which is erected to a height of one story of 20 feet or less above the level of the roof, no floor or compartment thereof shall be constructed or used for human occupancy above the top story of the building upon which such structures are placed".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*