

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4338

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2016

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

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## 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 “District of Columbia  
5       Home Rule Clemency 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.

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