

Columbia Code shall be exercised by such member of the Capitol Police in the same manner as by an official of the Metropolitan Police Department; and

(B) paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of section 23-1110 of the District of Columbia Code, relating to failure to appear, shall apply with respect to citations under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) The United States District Court for the District of Columbia shall have the power to authorize the member of the Capitol Police referred to in subsection (a) of this section to take bond from persons arrested upon writs and process from that court in criminal cases in the same manner as provided for with respect to an official of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia under the third sentence of section 23-1110(a) of the District of Columbia Code.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §108, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1723.)

### **§ 212b. Regulation of traffic by Capitol Police Board**

#### **(a) Exclusive charge and control of all vehicular and other traffic**

The Capitol Police Board, consisting of the Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol, shall have exclusive charge and control of the regulation and movement of all vehicular and other traffic, including the parking and impounding of vehicles and limiting the speed thereof, within the United States Capitol Grounds; and said Board is authorized and empowered to make and enforce all necessary regulations therefor and to prescribe penalties for violation of such regulations, such penalties not to exceed a fine of \$300 or imprisonment for not more than ninety days. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section those provisions of the District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925, as amended, for the violation of which specific penalties are provided in said Act, as amended, shall be applicable to the United States Capitol Grounds. Prosecutions for violation of such regulations shall be in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, upon information by the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia or any of his assistants.

#### **(b) Promulgation of regulations**

Regulations authorized to be promulgated under this section shall be promulgated by the Capitol Police Board and such regulations may be amended from time to time by the Capitol Police Board whenever it shall deem it necessary: *Provided*, That until such regulations are promulgated and become effective, the traffic regulations of the District of Columbia shall be applicable to the United States Capitol Grounds.

#### **(c) Printing of regulations and effective dates**

All regulations promulgated under the authority of this section shall, when adopted by the Capitol Police Board, be printed in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia, and shall not become effective

until the expiration of ten days after the date of such publication, except that whenever the Capitol Police Board deems it advisable to make effective immediately any regulation relating to parking, diverting of vehicular traffic, or the closing of streets to such traffic, the regulation shall be effective immediately upon placing at the point where it is to be in force conspicuous signs containing a notice of the regulation. Any expenses incurred under this subsection shall be payable from the appropriation "Uniforms and Equipment, Capitol Police".

#### **(d) Cooperation with Mayor of District of Columbia**

It shall be the duty of the Mayor of the District of Columbia, or any officer or employee of the government of the District of Columbia designated by said Mayor upon request of the Capitol Police Board, to cooperate with the Board in the preparation of the regulations authorized to be promulgated under this section, and any future amendments thereof.

(July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §14, 60 Stat. 720; July 11, 1947, ch. 221, 61 Stat. 308; Pub. L. 87-873, §1, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1171; Pub. L. 88-60, §1, July 8, 1963, 77 Stat. 77; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §401, eff. Nov. 3, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 91-358, title I, §155(a), July 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 570; Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, §421, title VII, §739(g)(6), Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789, 829.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The District of Columbia Traffic Act of 1925, as amended, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 443, 43 Stat. 1119, as amended, which is not classified to the Code.

#### AMENDMENTS

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-198, §739(g)(6), struck out "except on those streets and roadways shown on the map referred to in section 193a of this title as being under the jurisdiction and control of the Commissioner of the District of Columbia".

1947—Subsec. (b). Act July 11, 1947, §1, struck out reference to six months after July 31, 1946, as the time for promulgation of regulations and authorized amendment of regulations.

Subsec. (c). Act July 11, 1947, §2, authorized certain traffic regulations to be effective immediately upon placing conspicuous signs containing notice of regulations at the places affected thereby and inserted provision for payment of expenses.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

"District of Columbia Court of General Sessions" changed to "Superior Court of the District of Columbia" pursuant to Pub. L. 91-358, which provided that such change is effective first day of seventh calendar month which begins after July 29, 1970.

Pub. L. 87-873, §1, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1171 and Pub. L. 88-60, §1, July 8, 1963, 77 Stat. 77, both redesignated the "Municipal Court for the District of Columbia" as the "District of Columbia Court of General Sessions".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Section 771 of Pub. L. 93-198 provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 93-198 is effective on Jan. 2, 1975, if a majority of the registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia voting on the charter issue in the charter referendum accepted the charter set out in title IV of Pub. L. 93-198, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 785. The charter was approved by the voters on May 7, 1974.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in Reorg. Plan No. 3, of 1967, functions of Board of Commissioners of District of

Columbia transferred to Commissioner of District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by office of Mayor of District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93-198. Accordingly, "Mayor" substituted in subsec. (d) for "commissioner".

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193m, 212a of this title.

#### § 213. Repealed. July 31, 1946, ch. 707, § 15, 60 Stat. 720

Section, act May 28, 1896, ch. 252, 29 Stat. 143, related to policing of Capitol buildings and grounds. See section 212a of this title.

#### OFFENSES COMMITTED PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1946

Prosecution of offenses committed prior to repeal of section, see section 15 of act July 31, 1946, set out as a note under section 193h of this title.

#### § 213a. Omitted

##### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 1, 1946, ch. 530, §106, 60 Stat. 408, which authorized the Capitol Police Board to detail police for duty on the Capitol grounds, was omitted as not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 212a-1 of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

June 13, 1945, ch. 189, §106, 59 Stat. 259.  
 June 26, 1944, ch. 277, title I, §105, 58 Stat. 354.  
 June 28, 1943, ch. 173, title I, 57 Stat. 230.  
 June 8, 1942, ch. 396, 56 Stat. 340.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 268, 55 Stat. 456.  
 June 18, 1940, ch. 396, 54 Stat. 471.  
 June 16, 1939, ch. 208, 53 Stat. 831.  
 May 17, 1938, ch. 236, 52 Stat. 390.

#### § 214. Protection of grounds

It shall be the duty of the Capitol police on and after April 29, 1876, to prevent any portion of the Capitol Grounds and terraces from being used as playgrounds or otherwise, so far as may be necessary to protect the public property, turf and grass from destruction or injury.

(Apr. 29, 1876, ch. 86, 19 Stat. 41.)

#### § 214a. Omitted

##### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 89-698, title IV, §401, Oct. 29, 1966, 80 Stat. 1072; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §401, eff. Aug. 11, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, §421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789, authorized the Architect of the Capitol to permit the Mayor of the District of Columbia to operate for recreational purposes only the land known as Square 732 in the District of Columbia as long as such land is not required for building or other purposes by the Architect. Pub. L. 89-260, Oct. 19, 1965, 79 Stat. 987, as amended, set out as a note under section 141 of Title 2, The Congress, authorized the construction in square 732 of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. Funds for construction were appropriated and the building was built.

#### § 214b. Designation of Capitol grounds as play area for children of Members and employees of Senate or House of Representatives

##### (a) Authority of Capitol Police Board

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of

subsection (b) of this section, the Capitol Police Board is authorized to designate certain portions of the Capitol grounds (other than a portion within the area bounded on the North by Constitution Avenue, on the South by Independence Avenue, on the East by First Street, and on the West by First Street) for use exclusively as play areas for the benefit of children attending a day care center which is established for the primary purpose of providing child care for the children of Members and employees of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

##### (b) Required approval; fences; termination of authority

(1) In the case of any such designation referred to in subsection (a) of this section involving a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the designation shall be with the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the designation shall be with the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

(2) The Architect of the Capitol shall enclose with a fence any area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area.

(3) The authority to use an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area may be terminated at any time by the Committee which approved such designation.

##### (c) Playground equipment; required approval

Nothing in this or any other Act shall be construed as prohibiting any day care center referred to in subsection (a) of this section from placing playground equipment within an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for use solely in connection with the operation of such center, subject to, in the case of a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

##### (d) Day care center

The day care center referred to in S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, is a day care center for which space may be designated under subsection (a) of this section for use as a play area.

(Pub. L. 98-392, §3, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §221(14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1750.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 98-392, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362, which enacted this section and amended section 2107 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, referred to in subsec. (d), is dated Nov. 14, 1983, and reads