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**Referred to the
Committee on Finance**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 12-2800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations,” to establish an amnesty program for fines, fees and penalties on parking violations; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12-2800 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 12-2800. ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS.

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§ 12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

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(5) Expiration of Collection Initiation Period.

(a) Except as to chronic parking violators, no collection activity shall commence in pursuit of payment of penalties set forth in subsection 12-2809(2), or other costs, fees, or fines related thereto, upon the expiration of ten years from issuance of the ticket or violation notice.

(b) For purposes of this Chapter, a chronic parking violator shall mean:

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(i) Any person owing penalties set forth in subsection 12-2809(2), or other costs, fees, or fines related thereto in excess of \$500.00 or to whom three (3) or more open and unpaid parking tickets or violation notices have been issued, without regard to particular license plate or vehicle identification numbers; and

(ii) Any person who is the owner or registrant of a vehicle for which registration has been suspended or denied pursuant to 75 Pa. C.S. § 1379.

(6) *Amnesty for Parking Violations Issued Three or More years Ago.*

(a) *Any person owing fines, fees or penalties for parking violations issued three or more years ago, shall be eligible for a one-time forgiveness of said fines, fees and penalties, consistent with the following:*

(i) *The amnesty shall be administered before December 31, 2016 and shall be available for a period of at least forty-five (45) days and no more than sixty (60) days.*

(ii) *The person agrees to pay, any fines, fees and penalties on any parking violations issued within three years of the date of payment; and*

(iii) *The person has not already been given amnesty under this Section.*

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.