

In our topic listed [Overview](#) the earlier proposed legislation, B17-788, is explained along with the reasoning and rationale for amending DC preservation law to bring it into conformance with the federal RFRA and RLUIPA statutes.

Although originally introduced early in 2008, the DC Council preferred to let the administrative appeal process that Third Church had initiated, an appeal to the Mayor's Agent, be completed before acting on the Bill. The Mayor's Agent hearing was completed November 7, 2008, which did not allow time for the Council to take up legislation on Third Church before the end of the year.

January 2009 saw the reintroduction of B17-788 as B18-0078, as well as a second Bill, B18-0085 addressing only demolition of the church structure. Both bills are listed under DC Pending Legislation on this website.