



# Managing Outdoor Work for Seniors Amendment Act of 2017

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This legislation was drafted after Councilmember McDuffie heard from a 91-year old Ward 5 resident who took great pride in her yard. She just needed a little help in order to be able to keep her yard up.

Unfortunately, D.C. did not have a program that could help her. The M.O.W.S. Act fills that gap.

## *The M.O.W.S. Act Helps Seniors With Yard Work So They Can Age in Place*

The legislation would create a program that provides landscaping services to our seasoned residents, including:

- ✓Lawn fertilization, aeration, seeding, and mowing
- ✓Yard cleanup, including weed control and leaf removal
- ✓Gutter cleaning
- ✓Snow removal

### **M.O.W.S. Program to be housed within the Office on Aging**

- ✓Bill would establish a fund within the Office of Aging
- ✓Office of Aging would be tasked with designing the program and finding a contractor to complete the work
- ✓Landscaping and other work would be completed by professionals

### **Legislation provides a simple solution to a common problem**

- ✓Seniors can sometimes find one-time volunteer help, but not recurring assistance
- ✓Many seniors keep the interior of their home in immaculate condition, but cannot keep up with the demands of outdoor work