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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

17 To amend, on a temporary basis, the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to allow a
18 person to transfer, offer for sale, sell, gift, or deliver a self-defense spray.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
20 act may be cited as the “Self-Defense Spray Sale and Transfer Clarification Temporary
21 Amendment Act of 2023”.

22 Sec. 2. The Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective September 24, 1976
23 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Official Code § 7-2501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

24 (a) The lead-in language to Section 211 (D.C. Official Code § 7–2502.12) is amended to
25 read, “For the purposes of §§ 7-2502.12 through 7-2502.14a, the term:”

26 (b) A new section 213a is added to read as follows:

27 “Sec. 213a. Sale of self-defense sprays.

28 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a person may transfer, offer for sale,
29 sell, give, or deliver a self-defense spray to another person in the District for the purposes set
30 forth in section 213; provided, that the self-defense spray is propelled from an aerosol container,
31 labeled with or accompanied by clearly written instructions as to its use, and dated to indicate its
32 anticipated useful life.”.

33 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

34 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
35 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
36 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

37 Sec. 4. Effective date.

38 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
39 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
40 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
41 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
42 Columbia Register.

43 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.