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2 Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

Councilmember Tommy Wells

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6 Councilmember David A. Catania

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17 A BILL
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20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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24 Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced the following bill, which was referred to the
25 Committee on _____.

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27 To amend An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to establish the
28 authority of a temporary marriage officiant to perform marriages.

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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

31 That this act may be cited as the “Marriage Officiant Amendment Act of 2013.”

32 Sec. 2. Section 1288 of An Act To establish a code of law for the District of
33 Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1391; D.C. Official Code § 46-406), is
34 amended as follows:

35 (a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

36 (1) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

37 “(3) “Temporary Officiant” means an individual authorized to solemnize
38 only the marriage registered with the Clerk of the said Court, and shall receive proof of

1 that authority. The individual’s authority to solemnize that marriage shall expire upon
2 completion of such solemnization.”.

3 (b) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “Marriages may also be
4 performed by any judge or justice of any court of record” and inserting the phrase
5 “Marriages may also be performed by any judge or justice of any court of record or a
6 temporary officiant of the District of Columbia” in its place.

7 Sec. 3. Fiscal Impact Statement

8 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
9 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home
10 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02
11 (c)(3)).

12 Sec. 4. Effective Date

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