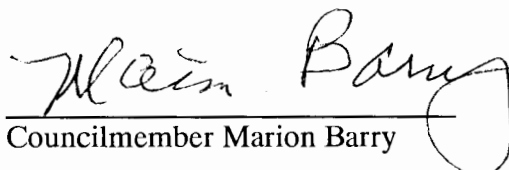
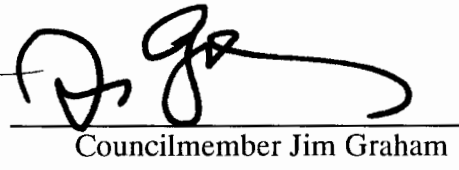
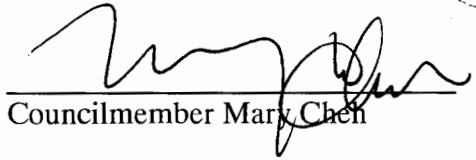


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Councilmember Marion Barry


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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Jim Graham, Marion Barry, David Grosso, Mary Cheh, and Kenyan McDuffie introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to establish a definition for the term "private room" and to clarify homeless families' rights to access shelter services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Dignity for Homeless Families Amendment Act of 2014".

Sec. 2. The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01), is amended by adding a new paragraph (28A) to read as follows:

1 “(28A) “Private room” means a part or division of a building that shall
2 have:

3 “(A) Four non-portable walls, a ceiling, and a floor that meet at the
4 edges so as to be continuous and uninterrupted; provided, that the room may
5 contain a window if the window is capable of shutting and comes with an opaque
6 covering such as blinds or shades;

7 “(B) A door that locks from within as its main point of access;

8 “(C) Sufficient insulation from sound so that family members
9 sheltered within may have a conversation at a normal conversational volume and
10 not be heard from the exterior;

11 “(D) Lighting that the occupants can turn on or off, as desired,
12 within the room; and

13 “(E) Access to hot shower facilities.”.

14 (b) Subsection 7(d) (D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(d)) is amended by
15 adding a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

16 “(3) This subsection shall be applicable to all forms of shelter
17 provided to families.”.

18 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

19 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as
20 the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of
21 Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C.
22 Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

23 Sec. 4. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event
25 of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
26 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia

- 1 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §
- 2 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.