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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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13 To amend the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996 to permit the Mayor to grant a
14 hardship-based waiver or reduction of athletic field permit fees to non-profit athletic
15 leagues with a membership of at least 65 percent District residents.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
18 act may be cited as the "Field Access Equity Amendment Act of 2017".

19 Sec. 2. The Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C.
20 Law 11-198, D.C. Official Code § 10-1141.01), is amended as follows:

21 (a) Section 604 (D.C. Official Code § 10-1141.04) is amended as follows:

22 (1) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the phrase "; and" and inserting the
23 phrase a semicolon in its place.

24 (2) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase ";
25 and" in its place.

26 (3) A new paragraph (9) is added to read as follows:

27 "(9) Establish a standard for eligibility to receive a waiver or reduction of permit
28 fees for the use of athletic fields under section 608."

29 (b) A new section 608 is added to read as follows:

30 "Sec. 608. Waiver or reduction of permit fees for the use of athletic fields.

31 “(a) The Mayor may waive or reduce any permit fees for the use of indoor and outdoor
32 athletic fields owned by the District of Columbia if the applicant:

33 “(1) Is a non-profit athletic league with a membership of at least 65 % District
34 residents; and

35 “(2) Establishes, to the satisfaction of the Mayor, that payment of the fee will
36 cause undue financial hardship to the applicant.

37 “(b) Within 90 days after the effective date of the Fields for All Amendment Act of 2017,
38 as introduced on October 3, 2017 (Bill 22-XXX), the Mayor shall make publically available on
39 the District of Columbia Public Schools and Department of Parks and Recreation websites, an
40 application for the fee waiver described in subsection (a) of this section.

41 “(c) The Mayor shall accept fee waiver applications under this section by the same means
42 as applications for permits for the occupation of public spaces, public rights of way, and public
43 structures under section 603a.”.

44 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

45 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
46 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
47 approved October 16, 2006 (12 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

48 Sec. 4. Effective date.

49 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
50 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
51 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
52 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
53 Columbia Register.