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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, due to congressional review, the Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022 to make the process for Mayoral appointment of members of the District Waterways Advisory Commission consistent with that of similar commissions, to add the Department of Parks and Recreation as an ex-officio non-voting member of the District Waterways Advisory Commission, to adjust the District Waterways Advisory Commission meeting schedule to allow sufficient time for engagement with stakeholders and the District Waterways Advisory Commission in development of the Advisory Plan, and to provide the District Waterways Advisory Commission with authority to determine whether the Advisory Plan needs to be updated and extend the update period to at least every 3 years; and to amend the Confirmation Act of 1978 to make a conforming amendment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022, effective March 22, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-336; D.C. Official Code § 8-191.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 8-191.02) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (b)(1)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “section 2(e) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-

36 523.01(e)),” and inserting the phrase “section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective
37 March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)),” in its place.

38 (2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

39 (A) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a
40 semicolon in its place.

41 (B) Paragraph (10) is amended by striking the period and inserting the
42 phrase “; and” in its place.

43 (C) A new paragraph (11) is added to read as follows:

44 “(11) The Department of Parks and Recreation.”.

45 (3) Subsection (f) is amended by striking the phrase “once every month” and
46 inserting the phrase “once every 2 months” in its place.

47 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 8-191.03) is amended as follows:

48 (1) The lead-in language of subsection (a) is amended as follows:

49 (A) Strike the phrase “one year” and insert the phrase “2 years” in its place.

50 (B) Strike the phrase “develop and adopt” and insert the word “develop” in
51 its place.

52 (2) Subsection (b)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “At least 60 days prior to
53 adoption of an Advisory Plan, the” and inserting the word “The” in its place.

54 (3) Subsections (c) and (d) are amended to read as follows:

55 “(c) After conclusion of the public comment period, and within 60 days after completing
56 revisions, if any, the voting members of the Commission shall adopt the Advisory Plan.
57 Thereupon, the Advisory Plan shall be submitted to the Office of Waterways Management for
58 publication.

59 “(d) If considered necessary by the Commission, the Advisory Plan shall be updated at
60 least once every 3 years, following the same process required for the initial Advisory Plan pursuant
61 to subsections (b) and (c) of this section.”.

62 Sec. 3. Section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law
63 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)), is amended as follows:

64 (a) Paragraph (72) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in
65 its place.

66 (b) Paragraph (73) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its
67 place.

68 (c) A new paragraph (74) is added to read as follows:

69 “(74) The Office of District Waterways Management, established by section 2(a)
70 of the Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022, effective March 22,
71 2023 (D.C. Law 24-336; D.C. Official Code § 8-191.01(a)).”.

72 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

76 Sec. 5. Effective date.

77 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
78 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
79 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
80 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
81 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).