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2 Councilmember Mary Cheh

Councilmember Tommy Wells

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6 Councilmember Kwame Brown

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9 A BILL

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13 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 Councilmembers Tommy Wells, Mary Cheh and Kwame Brown introduced the following bill,
19 which was referred to the Committee on _____.

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21 To amend the District of Columbia Noise Control Act of 1977 to permit noise made during
22 noncommercial public speaking during the daytime to be considered a noise disturbance
23 if it otherwise satisfies the definition of a noise disturbance and exceeds 70 decibels when
24 measured at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise, and to specify that the
25 Mayor need not measure the decibel level of a noise to find a noise disturbance if the
26 noise is made at night or does not involve noncommercial public speaking.

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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
29 act may be cited as the “Noise Control Protection Amendment Act of 2007”.

30 Sec. 2. Section 3(n) of the District of Columbia Noise Control Amendment Act of 1977,
31 effective March 16, 1978, (D.C. Law 2-53; 20 DCMR § 2799.1) is amended by striking the last
32 two sentences and inserting two new sentences in their place to read as follows: “A noise shall
33 not be considered a noise disturbance if it is made during noncommercial public speaking during
34 the daytime and does not exceed 70 decibels when measured at a distance of 50 feet from the
35 source of the noise. If the noise is made at night or does not involve noncommercial public
36 speaking, the Mayor shall not be required to measure the decibel level of the noise in order to
37 find a noise disturbance.”.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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