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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify the ability of married
16 couples to file District income tax returns jointly or separately on a combined form.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19 act may be cited as the “Income Tax Joint Filing Clarification Act of 2009”.

20 Sec. 2. Section 47-1805.01 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is
21 amended to add a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

22 “(g) *Joint filing of returns for married same-sex couples.* – Married same-sex couples
23 may file either a joint return or separate returns on a combined form prescribed by the Mayor as
24 if the federal government recognized the right of married same-sex couples to file jointly.”.

25 Sec. 3. Applicability.

26 Section 2 shall apply as of January 1, 2009.

27 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

28 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal

1 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
2 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

3 Sec. 5. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect following its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
5 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review
6 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
7 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206(c)(1)) and publication in the District of
8 Columbia Register.