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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Helicopter Landing Pad Public Nuisance Act of 1987 to allow hospital helipads as a matter of right.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Helicopter Landing Pad Amendment Act of 2017".

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Sec. 2. A new paragraph (c) is added to section 2:

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"(c)(1) This Act shall not apply to the operation of a singular helipad at any hospital in the District of Columbia which:

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(A) is a certified Level One Trauma Center by the District of Columbia Department of Health per section 20 of the Emergency Medical Services Act of 2008, effective March 25, 2009

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(D.C. Law 17-357; D.C. Official Code § 7-2341.19); and

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(B) does not have a helipad on its property as of the date that this legislation is approved by the Council of the District of Columbia.

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(2) If a helipad is approved per this section and is used for more than 175 round trip flights in a calendar year, the Mayor, per the rulemaking authority provided below, shall review

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28 the flight information for that helipad and take any appropriate action it deems necessary. The
29 Mayor shall communicate the results of its review to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in
30 which the helipad is located.

31 Sec. 3. Rules.

32 “The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure
33 Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et seq.), may issue
34 rules to implement the provisions of this Act, including but not limited to, receiving comments
35 from effected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and making a determination if operations of
36 helicopter flights from helipads between the hours 11PM and 5:59AM need to be curtailed for
37 any or all hospital helipads built after this Act is effective.

38 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement

39 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as
40 the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of
41 1975, approved October 16, 6006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

42 Sec. 5. Effective date.

43 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor, (or in the event of a
44 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto), a 30-
45 day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia
46 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 987 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
47 206.06(c)(2)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.