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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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21 To amend An Act to provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by
22 Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, to allow the Department of
23 Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) to classify foreign government owned
24 buildings not used for legation purposes as vacant or blighted, to require DCRA to
25 maintain and publish a list of foreign government owned buildings that are used for
26 legation purposes that are deemed to be vacant or blighted; and to make a conforming
27 amendment to section 47-1011 of the District of Columbia Official Code.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
30 act may be cited as the “Foreign Government Owned Vacant and Blighted Building Amendment
31 Act of 2017”.

32 Sec. 2. An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by
33 the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, approved April 14, 1906 (34 Stat.
34 114; D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

35 (a) Section (6)(b)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.06(b)(2)) is repealed.

36 (b) Section 9(a) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.09(a)) is amended by striking the phrase
37 “or its instrumentalities or by a foreign government or its instrumentalities.” and inserting the
38 phrase “or its instrumentalities.” in its place.

39 (c) New section 18a is added to read as follows:

40 “Sec. 18a. Vacant buildings belonging to foreign governments.

41 “(a) The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs shall publish and deliver
42 semiannually to the Council, the Mayor, and the United States Department of State Office of
43 Foreign Missions a list identifying each building belonging to a foreign government and used for
44 legation purposes, as determined by the United States Department of State Office of Foreign
45 Missions, that is registered as, or has been determined to be, vacant or blighted pursuant to this
46 act.

47 “(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose any obligation on any foreign
48 government relating to any building belonging to that foreign government and used for legation
49 purposes, as determined by the United States Department of State Office of Foreign Missions.”.

50 Sec. 3. Section 47-1011 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by striking
51 the phrase “owned by foreign governments for legation purposes” and inserting the phrase
52 “belonging to a foreign government and used for legation purposes” in its place.

53 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

54 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
55 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
56 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

57 Sec. 5. Effective date.

58 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
59 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
60 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
61 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
62 Columbia Register.