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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to allow a person to transfer, offer for sale, sell, gift, or deliver a self-defense spray.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Self-Defense Spray Sale and Transfer Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective September 24, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-85; D.C. Official Code § 7-2501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 213a is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 213a. Sale of self-defense sprays.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a person may transfer, offer for sale, sell, give, or deliver a self-defense spray to another person in the District for the purposes set forth in section 213; provided, that the self-defense spray is propelled from an aerosol container, labeled with or accompanied by clearly written instructions as to its use, and dated to indicate its anticipated useful life.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

35           Sec. 4. Effective date.

36           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
38 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
39 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
40 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).