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Councilmember Carol Schwartz

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

7 Councilmember Schwartz introduced the following bill, which was referred to the
8 Committee on _____.

9 To amend Title 22 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require Metropolitan
10 Police Department officers be trained in investigating, identifying, and reporting
11 crimes based on hate.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
13 That this act may be cited as the “The Hate Crime Training for Law Enforcement
14 Amendment Act of 2007”.

15 Sec. 2. Title 22 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

16 A new section 22-3705 is added to read as follows:

17 “§22-3705. Mandatory Training for police officers.

18 “(a) The Metropolitan Police force must prepare a bi-annual training course to
19 assist police officers in identifying and responding to bias-related crime. The course
20 must include material to help officers distinguish bias-related crimes from other
21 crimes, to assist officers in understanding and assisting victims of these crimes, and to
22 ensure that bias-related crime data is reported accurately as required under section 22-
23 3702(b) of this chapter.

24 “(b) The training course must be periodically updated as the Metropolitan Police
25 force deems appropriate.

26 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

27 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
28 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia
29 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (84 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-
30 206.02(c)(3)).

31 Sec. 4. Effective date

32 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
33 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of

- 1 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia
- 2 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
- 3 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.