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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014 to prohibit the sale, use, or provision of non-compostable straws and stirring implements beginning on January 1, 2019.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Sustainable Straws and Stirrers Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Title IV of the Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014, effective December 17, 2014 (D.C. law 20-142; D.C. Official Code § 8-1531 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 401 (D.C. Official Code § 8-1531) is amended by adding new paragraphs (6) and (7) to read as follows:

“(6) “Straw” means a drinking tube designed for one-time use to consume a beverage or other liquid.

“(7) “Stirrer” is an implement designed for one-time use to mix or blend a liquid or other substance, including a beverage stick, swizzle stick, or cocktail stirrer.”.

24 (b) Section 403 (D.C. Official Code § 8-1533) is amended by adding a new subsection (d)
25 to read as follows:

26 “(d) By January 1, 2019, no food service entity shall sell, use, or provide a straw or stirrer
27 with food or beverage unless the straw or stirrer is compostable.”

28 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

32 Sec. 4. Effective date.

33 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
34 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
35 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
36 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
37 Columbia Register.