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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 Freedom of Information Act of 1976 to exempt from disclosure critical infrastructure information or plans that contain critical infrastructure information for the critical infrastructures of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “DC Water Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. Section 204(a)(15) of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(15)), is amended by striking the phrase “critical infrastructures of companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia” and inserting the phrase “critical infrastructures of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority or companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

34           Sec. 4. Effective date.

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