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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To establish, on a temporary basis, that it shall be unlawful for an owner of a property used as a
17 grocery store or food retail store to impose in a sale or other transfer of the property a
18 restrictive covenant or usage restriction prohibiting subsequent use of the property as a
19 grocery store or food retail store.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 act may be cited as the “Grocery Store and Food Retail Restrictive Covenant Prohibition
24 Temporary Act of 2014”.

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26 Sec. 2. (a) An owner of a property used as a grocery store or food retail store shall be
27 prohibited from imposing a restrictive covenant or usage restriction on the sale or other transfer
28 of the property prohibiting a purchaser or lessee from using the property for the operation of a
29 grocery store or food retail store.

30 (b) For the purposes of this act, the term:

31 (1) “Food retail store” means a retail establishment with a primary business of
32 selling grocery products and has less than 5,000 square feet of selling area that is used for a
33 general line of food and nonfood grocery products.

34 (2) “Grocery store” means a retail establishment with a primary business of selling
35 grocery products and has at least 5,000 square feet of selling area that is used for a general line of
36 food and nonfood grocery products.

1 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

2 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
3 statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
4 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

5 Sec. 5. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
7 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
8 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
9 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
10 Columbia Register.

11 (b) This act shall expire 225 days of its having taken effect.

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