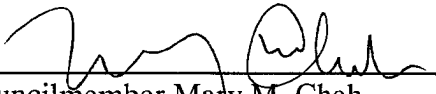


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13 To amend the Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011, to ensure that public
14 access to government buildings is maximized while addressing security concerns and to
15 direct the Department of General Services to formulate rules regarding entrance by
16 members of the public to D.C. government buildings to effectuate that policy; and to
17 amend the Omnibus Spending Reduction Act of 1993 to allow members of the public to
18 enter the John A. Wilson Building without showing identification or signing a log book.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 act may be cited as the “Ensuring Public Access to Government Buildings Amendment Act of
22 2016”.
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24 Sec. 2. The Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011, approved
25 September 14, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-21; D.C. Official Code § 10-551.01 *et. seq.*) is amended by
26 adding a new section 1032 to read as follows:

27 “Sec. 1032. Public entry into government buildings.

28 (a) The Department of General Services shall ensure that members of the public have
29 maximum access to government buildings; provided that reasonable restrictions on the public’s
30 access to certain workspaces or buildings may be implemented to ensure security and control of
31 government resources and information.

32 (b) (1) Within 270 days of the effective date of this act, the Department of General
33 Services shall promulgate rules for ensuring that members of the public have access to District

government buildings consistent with subsection (a) of this section. Such rules shall require justification for limits on public access to buildings, or parts of buildings, which are regularly visited by members of the public for routine governmental needs. Impediments to access, such as showing a photo ID or signing a log book, shall not be used unless the agency shows the need for such a policy.

(2) In promulgating these rules, the Department of General Services shall evaluate similar regulations and policies established by state, county, and local governments that have facilitated public access to government buildings while ensuring appropriate security.”

Sec. 3. Section 601 of the Omnibus Spending Reduction Act of 1993, effective November 25, 1993 (D.C. Law 10-65; D.C. Official Code § 10-1301) is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) Members of the public shall be allowed to enter the John A. Wilson building without providing a form of identification or signing a log book; provided, that the Secretary of the Council may establish policies regarding hours of public entrance and require reasonable and justified security procedures for entrance into the building.”

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

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

56 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
57 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
58 Columbia Register.