

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish, on an emergency basis, a Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund to fund initiatives that create or maintain affordable housing for Ward 8 prioritizing residents age 65 or older.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this act may be cited as the “Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund Establishment Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) There is established as a special fund the Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund (“Fund”), which shall be administered by the Mayor in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the \$900,000 obtained by the District as a settlement in *District of Columbia v Curtis Investment Group, Inc.*, a housing discrimination case affecting Ward 8 residents filed in the District of Columbia Superior Court, shall be deposited into the Fund.

(c) Money in the Fund shall be used to pay for costs associated with creating and maintain affordable housing for Ward 8 residents with the highest priority to residents age 65 or older, and as prioritized in writing to the Mayor by the Ward 8 Councilmember.

1 (d) The Mayor shall notify the Chairman of the Council and the Ward 8 Councilmember
2 at least 45 days prior to any expenditure or reprogramming from the Fund that is not prioritized
3 by the Ward 8 Councilmember.

4 (e)(1) The money deposited into the Fund shall not revert to the unrestricted fund balance
5 of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of any fiscal year or at any other time.

6 (2) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan, any funds
7 appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year limitation.

8 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

12 Sec. 4. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
14 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
15 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
16 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
17 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).