

Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980 to clarify a provision related to civil liability for donated goods.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “COVID-19 Liability Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 5a(d)(3A)(B) of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981 (D.C. Law 3-149; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01(d)), as amended by the COVID-19 Supplemental Corrections Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 is amended as follows:

(a) Strike the phrase “volunteer, or District government contractor” and insert the phrase “volunteer, donor, or District government contractor” in its place.

(b) Strike the phrase “purpose, contractual or voluntary service” and insert the phrase “purpose, contractual or voluntary service, or donation” in its place.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of March 11, 2020.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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. 4. Effective date.

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