
Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary 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. 4. 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).

34 Sec. 5. Effective date.

35 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
36 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
37 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
38 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
39 Columbia Register.

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