

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Establishment Act of 1996 to grant the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking the authority to exercise emergency powers to issue emergency rules, orders, or bulletins during the existence of a public emergency declared by the Mayor pursuant to the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Emergency Powers Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Amendatory section 5a of the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Establishment Act of 1996, effective June 24, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-9; D.C. Official Code § 31-104.01), in section 310 is amended to read as follows:

(a) The section heading is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 5a. Emergency authority of the Commissioner during a declared public emergency.”

(b) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(1) The lead-in text is amended to read as follows:

“(a) For the duration of a public emergency declared by the Mayor pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14–194; D.C. Official Code § 7–2304) (“public emergency”), and to address the

circumstances giving rise to that emergency, the Commissioner may issue emergency rulemaking, orders, or bulletins that:”

(2) Paragraph (2)(K) is amended by striking the phrase “public health emergency” and inserting the phrase “public emergency” in its place.

(c) Subsection (c)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “public health emergency” and inserting the phrase “public emergency” in its place.

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.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 60-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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