

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to reform the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to aid tenants in their recovery from the public health emergency, and to reduce administrative barriers to Emergency Rental Assistance Program payments for tenants in need.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 5, 2021, the Council unanimously approved the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2021.” The Act became law on November 1, 2021 and expired on January 30, 2022.

(b) On November 2, 2021, the Council unanimously approved the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2021.” The Temporary Act became law on March 4, 2022 and expires on October 1, 2022.

(c) A permanent bill, the Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Amendment Act of 2021 (Bill 24-120) was introduced on March 1, 2021 and is pending in the Committee on Human Services. A second emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

33 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
34 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
35 “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” be adopted after a
36 single reading.

37 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.