

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act of 2005 to authorize that certain funds in the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge Assistance Fund be provided to eligible residential DC Water customers for payment of amounts due to DC Water.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “CRIAC Assistance Fund Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”.

Sec. 2. Section 113a(c) of the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act of 2005, effective February 15, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-51; D.C. Official Code § 8-151.13a(c)), is amended as follows:

(a) The existing language is designated as paragraph (1).

(b) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

“(2)(A) In Fiscal Year 2023, money in the fund may be provided to eligible residential customers of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“DC Water”) for the payment of amounts due to DC Water.

“(B) A residential customer shall be deemed eligible for relief under this paragraph where:

“(i) The residential customer’s annual household income is less than or equal to 100% of the area median income; and

34 “(ii) Continued nonpayment of amounts due to DC Water will  
35 result in the discontinuance of water service to the residential customer during Fiscal Year 2023.

36 “(C) Amounts made available from the Fund for relief provided under this  
37 paragraph shall not exceed the fund balance as of September 1, 2022.

38 “(D) The Mayor may issue a grant, reprogramming, or other transfer of  
39 funds to DC Water to implement this paragraph.

40 “(E) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Energy and  
41 Environment shall provide data to the Council on, for FY 2023, the number of residential  
42 customers provided funding and the total dollar amount of funding provided to residential  
43 customers pursuant to this paragraph.”

44 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

45 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
46 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
47 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

48 Sec. 4. Effective date.

49 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
50 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
51 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
52 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
53 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).