

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary 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

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

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

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

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

41 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

45 Sec. 4. Effective date.

46 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
47 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
48 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,
49 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
50 Columbia Register.

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